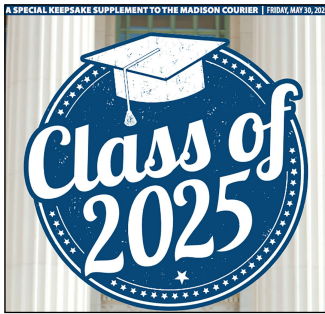
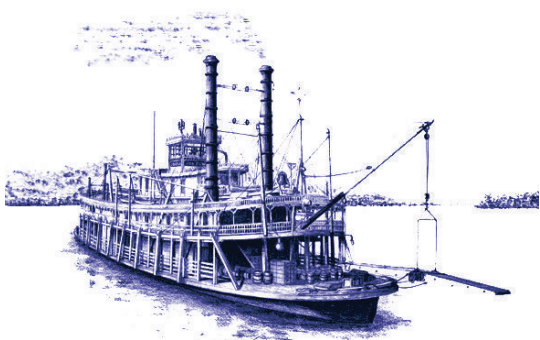




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Hanover seeks to install traffic light at busy intersection

Town hopes to use Lilly funds for the project

BY BOB DEMAREE

The intersection of State Road 56 and Kuntz Road has long been a safety concern of the town of Hanover, but Hanover Town Council is hopeful of addressing that with a traffic light funded from part of the \$4 million earmarked for sidewalks and streetscapes from Hanover College's \$30 million College and Collaboration Grant.

Hanover Town Council discussed the traffic light Tuesday at a special meeting with Chip Snyder, director of community relations for Hanover College, who is overseeing administration of the Lilly Endowment grant that the college is coining as "Jefferson Together."

The town council finalized the scope of work for the sidewalks and streetscapes by adding verbiage that includes the traffic

light as it works toward finalizing selection of an engineer.

Three companies are being considered — Luckett and Farley, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group and Jacobi Toombs Lanz. The town council has been leaning towards Luckett and Farley but will not finalize that selection until cost of services are determined.

There have been requests from the town in the past for Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to install a traffic light at the intersection of State Road 56 and Kuntz Road, but the project has never

been approved. Council President Debbie Kroger said INDOT now has agreed to install a traffic light there if the town pays for it, something the Lilly funds can provide if Lilly allows it — a question the town hopes to verify once an engineering firm is determined.

Kroger said it has been estimated that the traffic light and crosswalk will cost up to \$350,000, although actual cost will not be known until bids are received.

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Sacrifice honored in Memorial Day service at Veterans Cemetery

BY BOB DEMAREE

A remembrance of the 124 members of armed forces from Jefferson County who have died while serving was held Monday on Memorial Day at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney reflected on the significance of Memorial Day in comments during the event. "In the heart of Madison we gather not as neighbors but as a community bound by a shared gratitude and solemn remembrance. Today is more than a tradition but a sacred cause and honor for those who gave their lives in service of our country. Here in Madison where the story of history lines our streets and patriotism runs deep, we understand the freedom we enjoy is not freely won. It came at a cost paid by the brave men and women who left home and never returned whose names may be etched in stone whose legacies live on in the lives that we lead. As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, we are reminded that liberty is not simply an historical achievement, it is a living promise renewed by each generation.

Every dream we pursue, every peaceful moment we enjoy was secured by someone else's sacrifice. May we carry their memory with reverence and honor their courage and gratitude, and



Bob Demaree

Alan Burham, superintendent of the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, makes opening remarks during Monday's Memorial Day Service at the veterans cemetery. Pictured holding the flag at left is Keith Huffman, who was part of the Major Samuel Woodfill American Legion Post 9 Honor Guard participating in the event.

live each day in a way that proves their sacrifice was not in vain. "

Jefferson County Veteran Service Office Faith Weir said, "Memorial Day is a day to honor, remember and celebrate the lives and legacies of the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Memorial Day matters for many reasons. For friends and families of fallen soldiers, it's a day to remember their loved ones and honor their sacrifice."

Weir said, "One of the key values of Memorial Day is sacrifice. Our fallen heroes

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Bob Demaree

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney talks to local residents after Monday's Memorial Day Service at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In his remarks during the ceremony, Courtney said Memorial Day is a "sacred cause and honor for those who gave their lives in service of our country."



Bob Demaree

David Jenkins, a member of Madison's Western Fire Company No. 3, prepares to enter Fizzz's Bike Shop in the 300 block of West Street while responding to a fire at the business early Wednesday morning. The structure sustained major fire damage.

Fizz'z Bike Shop damaged in Wednesday fire

BY BOB DEMAREE

Fizz'z Bike Shop, located at 311 West Street in downtown Madison, sustained major fire damage shortly after midnight on Wednesday.

The fire was reported at approximately 12:39 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, when the Jefferson County Central Dispatch received a call and summoned firefighters to an apartment in the rear of the structure.

City fire companies responded quickly, finding heavy smoke coming from the building. The occupant of the apartment had exited

the structure, and reported no other occupants in the building.

Madison Fire Chief Bill DeVries said firefighters initially entered the apartment and bike shop for suppression efforts but due to the progression of the fire and the building's construction, they exited the structure and defensive operations were initiated with the main body of the fire extinguished utilizing aerial master streams onto the roof.

Once the bulk of the fire was knocked down,

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

The legacy of Lacey's at 218 East Main Street

When you look at what Madison has become lately, widely recognized as one of the great small music towns in America, and widely known as Indiana's Music City, it's only natural to wonder, "How did it all begin?" It's a question I ask often as I interview people for this column, and it turns out there is no single answer.

Some will point to our heritage as a river town and melting pot, much like New Orleans or Chicago, where people

migrated and brought their musical talents. More recently, some will mention a single guitar teacher who gave lessons to scores of local residents and fostered a legacy of guitar masters in our town. And some will mention JoeyG, how he came to town about 25 years ago and energized the scene with his bar and record store.

But before Joey's, in fact at the very location where JoeyG established his bar and what would later become Off Broadway Taproom today, before both of these

some 30 years ago, a woman named Sandra Lacey came to town and opened Lacey's Tavern. She still lives here in Madison, and I caught up with her at her cozy home near the John Paul Park area.

"I grew up in North Chicago in an area called Kenilworth, and then ultimately lived just over in Indiana in the Valpo region. I used to come down to Southern Indiana and Cincy to go antiquing. Lots of Chicago people came down here, it was known for great bargains.

"When I would be in Madison

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Charlie Rohlifing

The bar at Off Broadway Taproom, attended by Andrew Shimfessel.



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OBITUARIES

Nina Mildred Bramwell Simons

Nina Mildred Bramwell Simons, age 97, of Columbus, IN, formerly of Jefferson County entered this life on May 25, 1927, in Jefferson County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Homer and Ruth Ann Ritchie Bramwell. She was raised in the Smyrna Monroe Presbyterian Church in Jefferson County, IN. She moved to North Carolina in 1948 and returned to Indiana in 1999. She graduated from The Indiana School of Nursing at Methodist Hospital in 1948, as a Cadet Nurse. On Sept. 22, 1952, she was united in marriage to Wilbur E. Simons in Black Mountain, NC. They had 41 years together until Wilbur's passing on Jan. 13, 1994. Nina retired at the age of 70 in 1998, from the Asheville Veteran's Hospital as a registered nurse after 37 years of service. She also worked for the American Red Cross for 11 years. She was a member of Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Church in NC. she was proud to have bowled for many years on two leagues in Asheville, NC. She also enjoyed making jewelry, cross stitching, and plastic canvas. She had resided in Columbus, IN the past 26 years to be near family. After moving back to Indiana she moved her mem-



bership back to Smyrna Monroe Presbyterian Church and faithfully attended Chapel at Four Seasons Retirement Center. Nina died on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 3:22 p.m., at the Four Seasons in Columbus, IN.

Nina will be missed by her loving nieces, Betty Buchanan and her husband, James of Columbus, IN, Brenda Kelly of Madison, IN, Donita Hancock and her husband, Jim of Lexington, IN; her nephew, Keith Bramwell and his wife, Victoria of Madison, IN; her sister in law, Marian Martin and her families of Asheville, NC; several great nieces, great nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Homer Bramwell, her mother, Ruth Ann Ritchie Bramwell, her husband of 41 years, Wilbur E. Simons, died Jan. 13, 1994, her brothers, George Wal-

ter Bramwell, Elvin Russell Bramwell, Everett Ritchie Bramwell, and her infant sister, Ella Marie Bramwell, her nieces, Pamela Jo Bramwell, and Wanda McClure Stewart .

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Andrea Lichlyter at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN.

Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Monday, June 2, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

A final salute with military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

The Southeastern Indiana Nurse Honor Guard will honor her on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 12:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of Donor's Choice or the Smyrna Monroe Presbyterian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

James 'Jim' Stanley Skladzien



James "Jim" Stanley Skladzien, age 78, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Oct. 31, 1946, in Chicago, IL. He was the loving son of the late Stanley Bernard and Dorothy Marion Jecman Skladzien. He was raised Catholic in Elmhurst, IL, and graduated from York High School in 1964. He then received his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and his Masters (MBA) from Loyola University in Chicago. He also received a Masters of Project Management from the Keller School of Business. He was a member of the Triangle Fraternity. On July 25, 1998, he was united in marriage to Deborah Anne Hensler Ciganovich in Oak Brook, IL. His working career was served in the food sales industry as the Director of Engineering for several companies including Johnson and Johnson, Keebler and retired from Sara Lee Foods. He loved sailing and participated in several races including the Mackinac Race several times. He belonged to the Chicago Sailing Club. He had resided in the Hanover community the past 15 years and enjoyed his animals, traveling, nature documen-

taries, working on cars, watching trivia shows, and drinking a great glass of wine. He was a two time cancer survivor and enjoyed music by Jimmy Buffett, the Eagles and Rolling Stones. Jim was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He enjoyed going to the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524 and participating in the fund raising efforts. Jim died on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9 p.m., at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN.

Jim will be missed by his loving wife of 27 years, Deborah Anne "Debbie" Hensler Ciganovich of Hanover, IN; his daughter, Amy Rudigier and her husband, Jason of Geneva, IL; his step daughters, Elizabeth Ciganovich of Hanover, IN, Sallie Ciganovich Hotch and her husband, Jay of Los

Angeles, CA; his step son, John Ciganovich and his wife, Jessica of Chesapeake, VA; his mother in law, Pauline Hensler of Hanover, IN; his grandchildren, Nicholas, Rachael, and Joshua; his step grandchildren, Skylar, John Charles, and Madalyn; his cousin, Laura Newer of Tinley Park, IL, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Bernard Skladzien, his mother, Dorothy Marion Jecman Skladzien, his father in law, Charles Morris Hensler, his brother in law, Robbie Joe Hensler.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 4 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

FUNERALS

Landon Thomas Carter, 21, of Bedford KY, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Friday, May 23, 2025. Funeral service is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald Ray Consley , 88, of Columbus, IN, and formerly of Milton, KY, died Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Belmont Health and Rehabilitation in Columbus. Arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Mary Lou Gray Halcomb , 72, of Clayton, IN, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Ronda Sue Randolph Norfleet , 73, of

Florence, IN,died Monday, May 26, 2025, at her residence. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Jerry Lee Pflaumer, 85, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Earnest Wayne "Ernie" Theetge , 71, of Rising Sun, IN,died Saturday, May 24, 2025, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, June 2, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery near Aberdeen, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.
Sunset: 9:00 p.m.
Temperature: High 75, Low 56, Mean 65.5, Deficit 0.1
Precipitation since last published: .10

Precipitation, May 2025: 3.61
Precipitation, 2025: 28.48
Barometer 30.21, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 426.50, Falling

Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 75/Low 49; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 74/Low 51; Monday: Sunny High 79/Low 55; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 85/Low 66.

FIRE

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firefighters reentered the structure to suppress the remaining portions of the building that were on fire.

The fire, initially fought by city’s fire departments including the Walnut Street Fire Company’s tower truck, was later joined by Madison Township Fire Department to provide a second ladder truck to double the water being put on the roof.

The fire took more than three hours to safely extinguish with cleanup at the scene continuing until slightly past 5 a.m.

Adjoining structures in the 300 block of West street sustained water and smoke damage and firefighters did go into the adjoining building.
An announcement was made Wednesday

by Mad Paddle Brewstillery that the business would be closed through the end of this week “in order to regroup and allow for proper cleaning measures for the safety of our customers.”

The city survey said the one-story commercial building at 311 West Street was constructed in 1980 and is non-contributing to the historic district. It has a structural system that is masonry and frame with vertical plank siding. There is a concrete block wall along the rear of the property that appears to be a remnant of a previous building.

Fizzz Bike Shop, owned by Darren Barnes, has been in operation in Madison since 1989.

The fire is being investigated jointly by the Madison Fire Department and the Indiana State Fire Marshal. In addition to Madison fire departments and Madison Township Fire Department, Norton King’s Daughters’ Health EMS and Madison Police Department also responded.

for a Taco Bell to be built behind the Shell station were also announced.

“It sounds really, really likely that not only is our commercial node” at that intersection “going to stay that way, it’s going to get bigger. There’s going to be more people trying to get through the intersection,” said Snyder.

In other business, the town council approved up to \$11,200 for a contract with Microdome Computers Inc. of Madison for setting up a camera system with microphones that will allow meetings to be live-streamed after July 1 as required by state law. The town council

has been recording meetings but posting them later, and needs the new system to be able stream live on YouTube once the state law takes effect.

The quote for the system with seven microphones was \$10,369.77, which would provide one for each of the five town council members, the clerk-treasurer, and the town attorney. It was determined that one more microphone would be needed for when an audience member speaks at the podium with the expected additional initial cost being approximately \$700.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Lodgings
May 26, 2025

Leslie Jean Lewis, 40, Madison, to serve 5 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing.

Michael Ray Stakelin, 56, Madison, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug and Possession of methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies. Bond \$5,000 cash. Also being held on a parole hold warrant.

May 28, 2025

Derrick L. Brown, 41, on a Jefferson

County warrant for Failure to appear. No bond.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County
May 23, 2025

CMG Mortgage Inc. to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 8.6 acres at 845 North Borcharding Road, Madison.

Jennifer L. Moreland and Jennifer L. Cox to John W. Sinclair IV and Mary Christian Hansen, 315 Saint Michaels Avenue.

James L. Carr and Karen M. Carr to James L. Carr and Karen M. Carr, 5463 North East Prong Road, Madison.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA

Hoosier 1-3-8-20-31 (5/28). Estimated Jackpot: \$4.6 million. Next Drawing (5/29).

Cash Five: 2-12-23-27-45 (5/28)

Cash 4 Life: 11-16-23-30-55 CB: 3 (5/28)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 15-17-18-28 CB: 17 (5/28)

Lucky For Life: 3-11-35-43-47 LB: 11 (5/28)

MEGAMILLIONS: 6-28-34-48-62 MB: 9 (5/27). Next

Jackpot: \$189 million. Next Drawing (5/30)

POWERBALL: 23-27-32-35-59 PB: 11, PP 2 (5/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$207 million. Next Drawing (5/31)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-30-41-48-69 PB: 12 (5/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (5/31)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

Angie Klein

JUNE 3

Nate Davis

JUNE 7

Kevin Gullion

Mark Hooton

JUNE 2

Kirk Duncan



Bob Demaree

The three-story old Chain Mill Building was constructed as a water mill on Chain Mill Creek south of Hanover in the 1800s, but was relocated to Hanover first as a steam-operated mill and later as a hotel and apartments until February of this year. The building is now in the process of being restored after being purchased by Hanover College through the Lilly Endowment’s College and Community Collaboration Grant program.

Old mill in Hanover from 1800s being restored through Lilly grant

BY BOB DEMAREE

An old mill in the town of Hanover is in the process of being restored as part of Hanover College’s \$30 million College and Community Collaboration grant by Lilly Endowment Inc.

The structure, characterized as the Chain Mill building, is so named after starting out as a mill operation on Chain Mill Creek south of Hanover that was relocated to operate in the town of Hanover in 1884. It was later transformed into a hotel and finally an apartment building.

“We’re going to do something good for the town,” said Chip Snyder, director of community relations for Hanover College, who is representing the college in implementation of the Lilly grant, which the college is calling “Jefferson Together.”

The grant provides \$3.3 million that will be dedicated to the town of Hanover’s historic corridor that includes Main Street and Madison Avenue for housing rehabilitation, blight remediation, commercial development and new housing.

The Chain Mill Building, located at 31 North Madison Avenue in Hanover, is one that Snyder said is “not the kind of project I would have anticipated” but he said there needed to be something done to improve the blighted condition of the building.

“We just knew we heard from a lot of people, we probably needed to get it off of the market as soon as it came up for sale,” said Snyder, who was initially sure if the building was even for sale until he was “thumbing through Zillow” in November and saw it listed. “We never planned on having a project like this. Who would have thought? This building is 4,600-square-feet of livable space, plus whatever is in the basement.”

Snyder contacted Indiana Landmarks for input, and with that advice — and approval by Lilly and the college — the purchase moved forward and was finalized in February.

“The market is you either act or you don’t act,” said Snyder, and they decided to move forward. In addition to the cost to purchase, there will also be the cost of restoration.

Snyder showed the building to Ron Bateman, who led the restoration of the Historic Eagle Cotton Mill building into a Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott in downtown Madison. Snyder said Bateman’s response was encouraging but cautionary. He said, “This is cool. You need to do it right, it’s going to cost a lot of money, and you can leave the town of Hanover a little masterpiece.”

Hershel Brichto, owner of ERJO Construction of Vevay, who was instrumental in restoration of the Cotton Mill project is also involved in the restoration of the Chain Mill building. “He did such a good job with that, we felt



Bob Demaree

Chip Snyder, director of community relations for Hanover College, talks about the huge wooden posts and beams that have been exposed during restoration and renovation of the historic Chain Mill Building in Hanover. “Those timbers should never be covered. I would love for that to always be exposed. It was a mill. Let’s show that off, but we’ll see if others agree.”

we could trust him with this unusual project. He’s been wonderful,” said Snyder.

A 1982 article by Harold Allison in his column “Exploring Hoosierland” said a grist mill at Chain Mill Falls near Hanover was probably constructed as early as 1815, and later succeeded there by a larger mill that was in operation until 1884 when it was moved to the current location in Hanover and then run by steam.

Snyder said the mill was later transformed and reconfigured into the Hanover Hotel that divided the building into hotel rooms with arched doorways. The building closed in the 1940s as a hotel and reopened as apartments which the building remained until February of this year.

Over the years, during the process of being a hotel and apartments there were also additions added along with several reconfigurations of the building. Before all tenants had moved out of the building by the end of February, Snyder said there were seven apartments with six occupied. Since then, Snyder said Brichto is leading the project with selected demolition of the apartment walls, drop ceilings and much of what was done to the building during its years as a hotel and apartment building. “Indiana Landmarks has been with us every single step of the way,” he said.

What’s been uncovered under the plaster and the drywall is wood that Snyder thinks dates back to the 1700s. He speculated that with the mill being built in the 1800s, it was likely built from wood from trees that would have been more than 100 years old at the time. The age of the wood is being tested for confirmation by Darrin Rubino, a Hanover faculty member who is a forest ecologist with main research interest is dendrochronolgy, the study of tree rings used to determine the age of wood.

Megan Phillippe, an architect who specializes in historic preservation, is involved in the development

of plans for the restoration. A Hanover native, Phillippe is also a part of the planning for the restoration of the former Millican house at 119 North Madison Avenue, a project by Indiana Landmarks.

Whatever the old mill building becomes, Snyder hopes its history as a mill will be emphasized, particularly because of the beauty of the wood that was covered for decades but has now been exposed. “Those timbers should never be covered. I would love for that to always be exposed. It was a mill. Let’s show that off, but we’ll see if others agree.”

As far as future uses for the building, Snyder likes the thought of a store front on the first floor, although there’s no certainty as to what that might be. “I don’t know what we’re going to do with it. We have got a slate that is so blank it’s hard to figure out what to do with it.”

Whatever purpose the building has in the future, Snyder wants it to be good not just for Hanover College students but for the town of Hanover. If there’s a business on-site it needs to thrive in the summer when students are back home.

“This is not a college project,” said Snyder, noting “hardly anything we’re doing is a college project” through the College and Collaboration Grant, most all of it is going to the community. “As the town goes, so goes the college. They go together.”

Lilly Endowment awarded College and Community Collaboration grants to colleges and universities throughout Indiana totaling \$445.8 million, and Snyder said that’s because the Lilly representatives realize that making educational establishments stronger makes their community stronger and vice versa. “Why would Lilly set aside a third of a billion dollars for this effort? It’s because they know something” about how the community can strengthen the college. “They know that, and they’re right.”



Ryan C Dugan

Hanover College President Dr. Lake Lambert was presented an honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community College Madison. Pictured (from left) are Dr. Rebecca Rahschulte, Ivy Tech Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Amanda Harsin, Ivy Tech Madison Chancellor, Dr. Lake Lambert, Hanover College President; Kay Stokes, Ivy Tech Madison Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Hanover President Lake Lambert honored by Ivy Tech Madison

BY THE COURIER STAFF

An honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community College Madison was recently presented to Dr. Lake Lambert, president of Hanover College, for outstanding leadership and deep commitment to higher education and community collaboration.

Honorary associate degrees are awards by the Ivy Tech Community College Board of Trustees to individuals who have rendered significant service. An honorary degree is an academic degree for which a degree awarding institution has waived the usual

requirements, such as matriculation, residence, study and the passing of examinations.

Lambert is concluding his 10th year of service as Hanover College’s 16th president. His decade of service has been marked by new program development and substantial investments in campus facilities and infrastructure. In fall of 2024, the College experienced its highest enrollment in history. The college is now leading “Jefferson Together,” a \$30 million community development initiative, and will soon celebrate its

bicentennial in 2027.

His leadership has including establishing initiatives with Ivy Tech Madison, including the Pell Promise program, the Hanover and Ivy Tech nursing partnership, and the forthcoming veterinary teaching center.

“Dr. Lambert’s dedication to student success, innovation, and community advancement has made a lasting impact on Ivy Tech Madison and the broader region,” said Dr. Amanda Harsin, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Madison. “We are honored to recognize his service with this degree.”

14 Jefferson County students receive Rotary Club scholarships

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Rotary Club Scholarship recipients were recently honored at the 63rd annual Scholarship Reception.

Recipients included Natalie Bye, Lillian Cox, Laken Dickerson and Travis Hoffman, all of Madison Consolidated High School; Alexa Bomholt, Kelly McClure, Allie Riedel, Nicholas Schultz and Lakyn Tinger, all of

Shawe Memorial High School; and Adam Boley, Raygan Crawford, Braden Helton, Haleigh Rohl and Eden Wehner, all of Southwestern High School.

The Rotary Club also awarded three students with Citizenship Awards — Colton O’Neal, Madison; Nicholas Schultz, Shawe; and Eden Wehner, Southwestern.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Ohio Valley Folkways Symposium Series

Historian Eleutherian College
6927 State Road 250, Madison (near Lancaster)
Sunday, June 8, 1-4 p.m.
“Poetry of the Old Northwest” kicks off the series featuring a performance of Kentucky inspired poems by acclaimed U.S. National Beat Poet Laureate Ron Whitehead, accompanied by singer Cait Justice and guitarist Tommy Bays. Historian Glory-June Greiff will give a brief presentation on Early Indiana Poet Sarah T. Bolton. Native American Flute by Fred Nez Keams will also be featured throughout the event. Regional artists and poets will present live readings of historical and contemporary prose and poetry, and a one-day-art exhibit will highlight the cultural heritage of the Ohio Valley.

Egyptian Art

Trimble County Public Library, Bedford Ky.
Tuesday, June 10, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Egyptian Art program for all ages featuring professional archaeologist Dr. Sean O’Neill from Hanover College focusing on ancient Egyptian art and culture with firsthand insights from an expert in the field. Free and open to the public.

Music in the Park

Bicentennial Park, Madison
Friday, June 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Matthew Williams is the opening act starting at 6:30 p.m. Honkytonk Rewind Band is the headliner starting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chairs. Free program from Madison Main Street.

Faith, Family and Freedom Day

Heritage Park
Vernon Street and Vaughn Drive, Madison
Saturday, June 14, Noon-5 p.m.
Free community event with inflatables, a slip ‘n slide, 26-foot water slide, cornhole, dunk tank, free Kona-Ice (from 1-3:30 p.m.), free food provided by Hoboken Eddie McCarthy (from 1-5 p.m.), refreshments,

booths for family, recovery related resources and live Christian music. Bring your own chairs. For children going on the water slide, bring swim-suits.

Wings and Wheels

Madison Regional Airport
3919 LMS Lane, Madison
Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The inaugural Madison Wings and Wheels provides classic cars and aircraft. Check-in and car registration begins at 8 a.m.

Madison Regatta Balloon Glow

Riverboat Inn, 906 East First Street.
Saturday, June 14
The balloon glow starts at 6 pm, with tethered rides, food trucks, and balloons going up and ends around 9 p.m. Parking is available on the south side of Vaughn Drive.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St., Madison
Monday, June 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
To save time, donors may use RapidPass on June 16 to complete pre-reading and donation questions online before arriving at the Library at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and either print pass or save on a smartphone. Appointment times may be scheduled before arriving at the library by calling 800-733-2767, going to red-crossblood.org, or downloading the Blood Donor App.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank
331 East Main St., Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry
100 East 2nd St., Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15

minutes prior to closing to be served.

North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry

1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, June 28 — 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church on the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays).
Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet
Trinity United Methodist Church
412 W. Main St., Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center
Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.



Bob Demaree

Southwestern Middle School students celebrated a successful reading program by taping Principal Lisa Hawkins to a wall last week — her way of motivating students to embrace the program.



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Southwestern Middle School Principal Lisa Hawkins laughs as students duct-tape her to a wall at the school last week.

SW Middle school readers put principal in sticky situation

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern Middle School celebrated reading success by taping Principal Lisa Hawkins to a wall last week — her way of motivating students to embrace the

program.

“They crushed their reading goals,” said Southwestern District Media Specialist Cindy Myers. “Every goal they set, they tripled it.”

Minutes began to be logged during the first week of April with a goal of 20,000 that was met in two weeks. The next goal was 60,000 minutes and it was achieved by May 5. Collectively the total was 77,792

minutes.

Myers praised Hawkins for being “such a great sport” and allowing herself to be taped to the wall in order to motivate the students to read and learn.

BUDDY BENCH

BY JENNIFER WILLHOITE
CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS

As part of her leadership project for the University of the

Cumberlands, Shari Davis wanted to create something meaningful. What began as a simple idea for a wooden bench soon blossomed into a powerful tool for connection on her preschool playground. For Davis, who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, it was not just about meeting a requirement, it was about making a lasting impact.

“I noticed when I would go outside, there were always a few kids sitting alone, unsure of how to join in or just needing someone to talk to,” Davis recalled. “They would come to me looking for someone to play with. I wanted them to have a way to make those connections without always needing an adult to step in.”

That spark of observation led her to the idea of a Buddy Bench, which is a designated space on the Carroll County Child Development Center (CCDC) playground where children can sit if they’re feeling lonely, need a break, or are simply looking for a friend. The idea wasn’t new to Davis. Years earlier, her own son, Maverick, met one of his lifelong friends thanks to a similar bench at his school. That memory became the heart of her vision.

“I thought back to when Maverick was in school and a little girl walked up to him while he sat on the Buddy Bench and asked if he wanted to play,” she said. “They’re still best friends. That



Jennifer Willhoite

Carroll County Child Development Center (CCDC) students Harper Johnson, Brentley Riley and Zaden Isaacs engage with each other at the “Buddy Bench” on the school playground. The bench, a leadership project by faculty member Sharie Davis en route to a degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education at University of the Cumberlands, is a designated space where students can sit or find someone to play with.

moment stuck with me, and I knew this could work for our students, too.”

Rather than a quick and easy project, Davis chose something that would engage students and staff alike, which aligned perfectly with her school’s use of the Conscious Discipline curriculum, which emphasizes unity, empathy, and the concept of a “school family.”

With her plan in place, she reached out to Josh Kennedy, carpentry teacher at the Carroll

County Area Technology Center (ATC), to see if his students could help build the bench. “I provided the lumber, sent him some sketches, and he said they could have it ready in a week,” she said. “The students did an amazing job.”

Davis’ father, Carroll County Schools Maintenance Director Dwayne Smith, picked up the finished bench and brought it to her school. Then, with help from her daughter and the preschool students themselves, they painted the

bench in bright, cheerful colors and added handprints and a small flower garden to give it life and personality. “We wanted it to be something fun and joyful — something that would draw attention but also make kids feel happy and safe,” she explained.

One of her colleagues, Ann Leap, contributed her creative touch by painting the words “Buddy Bench” as if they were flying through the sky behind an airplane, and giving the bench a whimsical finish.

The team placed the bench right in the center of the playground, making it visible from all directions. “We wanted teachers to see it, too, so they can guide kids toward it, but what’s been even better is seeing students take that initiative on their own,” Davis said. “It’s always more special when a child notices someone on the bench and goes over to say, ‘Do you want to play with me?’”

And that’s exactly what’s been happening.

There have been moments of quiet, like when a little girl sat on the bench for a few minutes, telling Davis, “I just need a minute.” Then there have been joyful reunions, like when a preschooler saw an older friend returning for kindergarten transition and leapt from the bench to greet him. The bench is not just a seat, it’s a bridge.

“The older kids are modeling inclusion, and the younger ones are learning just by watching. They’re forming friendships across age groups,” Davis said. “We even had a little boy draw a picture of the bench with two figures on it and said it was his favorite place. They understand what it’s for.”

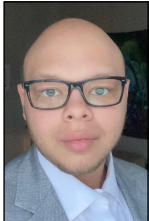
CCDC Director Leah Spencer said just this week, she was on the playground and a little boy asked her to sit with him on the Buddy Bench. “It was such a simple moment, but it spoke volumes about the impact this bench is already having. Shari’s project has created a safe, welcoming space where students feel seen, heard, and connected and that’s exactly the kind of culture we strive for every day,” she added.

Jenkins' artwork to be featured in Vernon

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

VERNON, Ind. — Perceptions Yoga, Mindfulness and Art has announced its next exhibition of art in Vernon.

An opening reception for “Attractive Oddities” is scheduled at 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, to meet artist Henry



Henry Jenkins IV

"Hank" F. Jenkins IV, view the exhibition, and make purchases of art.

Jenkins IV is a graduate of Jennings County High School and a recent law school graduate of Loyola University. He is currently a Chicago-based attorney, part time creative, and lifelong smart aleck.

His work lives somewhere between carefully orchestrated imagery and unhinged, gleeful chaos. Drawing inspiration from the weird, the obscure, avant-garde traditions, and the occasional impulse to set something on fire (artistically, of course), he builds visuals that toe the line between concept and catastrophe, organizers said.

Complementary refreshments will be served.

Galleries will be open throughout the month to view the exhibit on Tuesdays from noon to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be a closing reception on June 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Perceptions.

For more information about the nonprofit organization or this art show, contact Karen Chilman, executive director, at karenchilman@percepti onsyoga.org.

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Rumble on the River

The inaugural Rumble on the River Car show brought about 450 cars to downtown Madison, lining Vaughn Drive and several side streets along the Madison riverfront. The event, a fundraiser for CASA of Jefferson County, was well attended with great weather.



This 1949 Chevrolet, owned by Gary Hutcherson of Louisville, caught the eye of several who attended the inaugural Rumble on the River Car Show along the Ohio River last Saturday in downtown Madison.



The inaugural Rumble on the River Car Show attracted a large crowd of people along Vaughn Drive last Saturday, bringing about 450 cars to the event that is a fundraiser for CASA of Jefferson County.



In addition to the inaugural Rumble on the River Car Show, which brought about 450 vehicles to the Madison riverfront last Saturday, spectators also got an up close look at the Miss Madison hydroplane that will be running in this year's 75th anniversary Madison Regatta in July.



Cars lined not only Vaughn Drive, where the backdrop was the Ohio River, but also north on Elm Street, where the the backdrop was the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, at last Saturday's inaugural Rumble on the River Car that brought about 450 cars to downtown Madison. The event is a fundraiser for CASA of Jefferson County.

SACRIFICE

FROM PAGE A1

gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves, put their duty to country and their fellow citizens above their own personal interests and desires, their sacrifice reminds us that freedom is never free, and that we must be willing to defend it at all costs.

“Another value Memorial Day embodies is courage. Our fallen heroes demonstrated incredible bravery and fortitude in the face of danger and adversity. They face unimaginable challenges and hardships, often in the most difficult and dangerous circumstances. Their courage should inspire us to overcome our own fears and strive for greatness.

“Patriotism is also an essential value of Memorial Day. Our fallen heroes loved their country deeply and were willing to give everything to protect it,” she added. “They embodied the best of America, its diversity, its resilience, its spirit of innovation and progress. Their patriotism reminds us that we are all part of something that is bigger than ourselves, and that we all have a responsibility to contribute to our nation’s success.



Major Samuel Woodfill American Legion Post 9 fires a rifle volley at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery as part of Monday's Memorial Day Service.

“Let us remember that Memorial Day is not just a day off of work or a chance to have a barbecue, but a solemn occasion to pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.”

The Major Samuel Woodfill American Legion Post 9 Honor Guard presented the colors, a rifle volley and taps. Air Force

Salvage in Louisville. They said it came from an oyster house that used to be in town. I told them if they'd build me the front bar to match, I'd buy it. They did, and I did! It's been a central fixture in that location ever since.

“So we got up and running, and our food was an immediate success. It was all very fresh and local, and the cook I hired was a miracle worker. People wanted to buy our chicken salad by the gallon, but we wouldn't sell it to go. You had to sit down to enjoy it! But right away I knew I wanted to add music to the mix. And I knew what kind of music ... I wanted to feature the blues. I am from Chicago, after all.

“Kenny Guthrie had a band that played country rock around town, and he came in and asked if I would book them. And I said, Kenny, if you can put together a blues band, it's a deal. Well sure enough, he came back about a week later and said he'd put together a blues band, so we put them up in the front window and turned them loose! That was the birth of the Blues Devils.

“They played about twice a month and they always packed the place. So we added some other bands and some other

styles of music. It was a lot of fun and I like to think it helped build the culture of live music here in Madison. We had Lacey's from 1993 to about '99 when I sold it to Joey Gayles. I remember Joey would call me in the early days and ask me, Sandra, now what do I do? I'd tell him, just book the bands Joey, keep the faith, and the people will come!”

You can still get a feel for this great musical tradition on Main Street in Madison by visiting the Off Broadway Taproom. The bar that Sandra had made is still in use, the music stage that Joey added is still at the front of the room, and the tradition of fresh, local food is still being carried on by Chef Gabby. Whether visiting Madison or a die-hard local, the can't miss refrain is always “Let's go to the Taproom!”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

The Lighthouse floating restaurant is back open (after a long winter and a big ol' flood) and they are featuring lots of fun and interesting music. We locals really should never take for granted how absolutely cool it is to have a floating music venue, where you can have a drink, enjoy some food, and soak up

the glorious sunsets. Most towns and cities along the river have nothing like it! This week they have the regular Bee Camp Bottom Boys show on Wednesday, Karaoke on Thursday, and then two new names with Jimmy Dairs on Friday and Bug Bot on Saturday. It's a lot of fun to go to see a new band and just give it a chance. You never know when you'll strike gold! The other show I want to point out is Jordan Wilson's album release event at Red Bicycle Hall on Friday. Original music is the lifeblood of our creative little music town, and I urge you to give Jordan (and all our songwriters) your heartfelt support.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 30

Karaoke
Riverboat Inn — Zach Hackney
Broadway Fountain — Rusty Bladen (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Highway 9 Blues Band (9 p.m.-1a.m.)
Tailgators — Alex Billman (9

Church in Madison gave the invocation and Pastor Mike Johnson of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Hanover gave the benediction.

p.m.-Midnight)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Slingshot (7 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! — Red Dirt Road (8 p.m.)
Madison Lighthouse — Jimmy Dairs (8-11 p.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall – Jordan Wilson Album Release (8 p.m.)

Saturday, May 31

1st Street Saloon — Vaguely Familiar Band
Riverboat Inn — Rich Hardesty
Ohio Theatre — The Rigbys Beatles Tribute Band (7 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Highway 9 Blues Band
Tailgators — Dirty Laundry (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
The Moose Lodge — Joe & Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Bobby Robbins & Kyle Ismore (7 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! — The Rumors (8 p.m.)
Madison Lighthouse — Bug Bot (7-11 p.m.)
Madison Farmers Market — Maria Keck (10 a.m.-Noon)

Sunday, June 1

Rivertown Grill — Matthew Williams (8-11 p.m.)

LEGACY

FROM PAGE A1

I'd stay at the old Hereford Hotel where I became good friends with Trish Hereford. Even then I could tell there was something going on in this town, because they had live music pretty much all the time there at the hotel.

“Anyway, I started to get this idea that maybe I could buy a building and be a part of Madison. Maybe I could contribute in some way. The great thing about this town is the ability to do just about anything you want and express yourself. There is opportunity here, and the people will support you. I thought to myself, maybe I can do something with music?

“So I bought the building on Main Street where the Taproom is now. It was the county license branch at the time, but it had been Knoebel-Bird clothing before that. People told me the upstairs balcony area sold Scout-ing supplies to all the local kids back in the day.

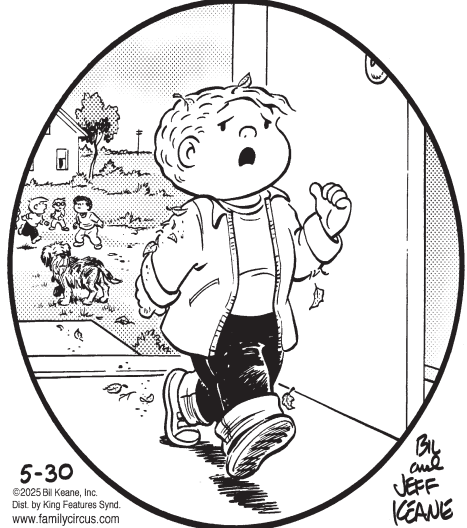
“Anyway, I bought it and started turning it into a bar and restaurant. I found this amazing huge back bar at Architectural

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

ARCTIC CIRCLE

By Bil Keane



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"I was hidin', but nobody would go seek me."



"IT'S REARRANGED, MOM, NOT MESSY!"

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WE KNOW WHY THE ARCTIC IS MELTING.

BUT THIS...

...THIS IS PART OF A BIGGER PUZZLE.

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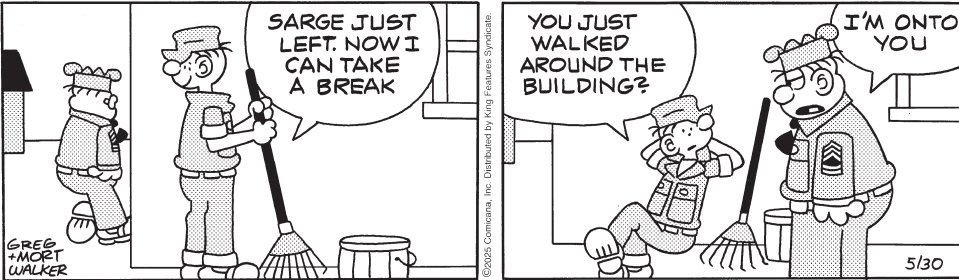
The old plagues felt a little hargh, so I created pickleball.

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BEETLE BAILEY



SARGE JUST LEFT. NOW I CAN TAKE A BREAK

YOU JUST WALKED AROUND THE BUILDING? I'M ONTO YOU

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



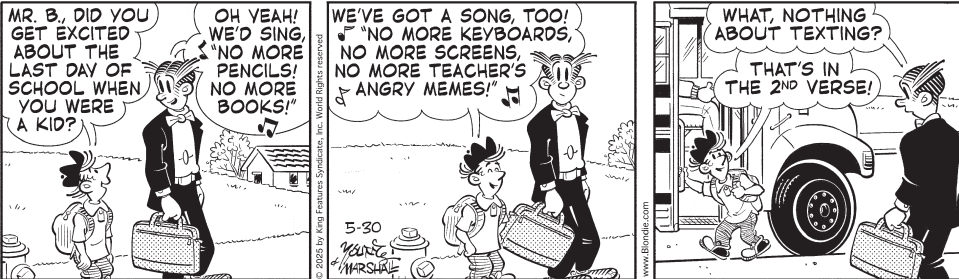
THE MONSTER UNDER THE BED ISN'T THE PROBLEM. IT'S ALL HIS STUFF NOT UNDER THE BED.

THE NEW TENANT

No, you can't put that thing there.

5-30

BLONDIE



MR. B, DID YOU GET EXCITED ABOUT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL WHEN YOU WERE A KID?

OH YEAH! WE'D SING, NO MORE PENCILS! NO MORE BOOKS!

WE'VE GOT A SONG, TOO! NO MORE KEYBOARDS, NO MORE SCREENS, NO MORE TEACHER'S & ANGRY MEMES!

WHAT, NOTHING ABOUT TEXTING? THAT'S IN THE 2ND VERSE!

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CURTIS



THESE BOYS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

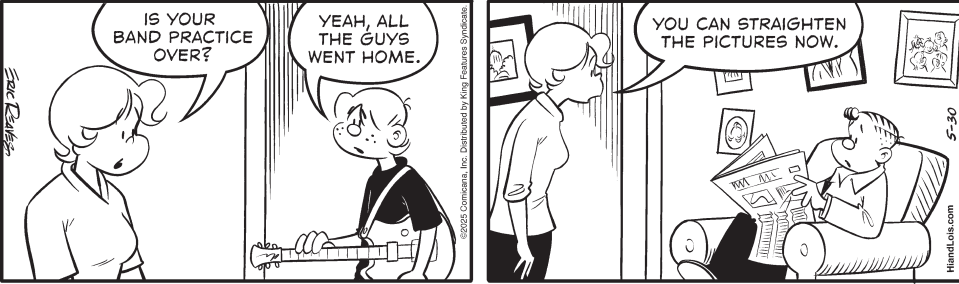
THEY ARGUE, BICKER, HIT EACH OTHER AND THEN BECOME ALL CHUMMY-CHUMMY

THEY'RE LIKE HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER

AND WE'RE THE ONES BEING SWEEP AWAY BY THE RIPTIDE!

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HI & LOIS

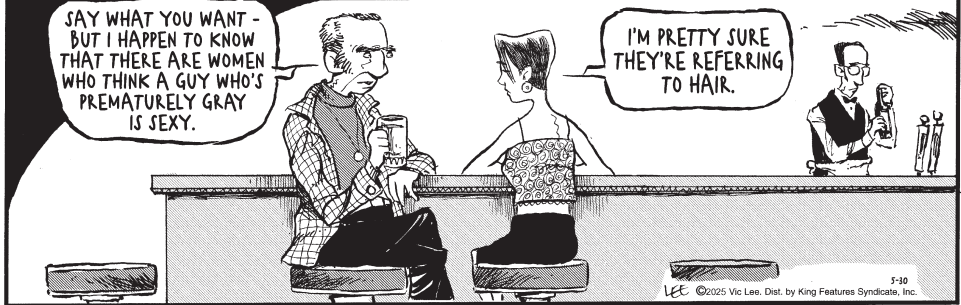


IS YOUR BAND PRACTICE OVER?

YEAH, ALL THE GUYS WENT HOME. YOU CAN STRAIGHTEN THE PICTURES NOW.

5-30

PARDON MY PLANET



SAY WHAT YOU WANT - BUT I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE WOMEN WHO THINK A GUY WHO'S PREMATURELY GRAY IS SEXY.

I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'RE REFERRING TO HAIR.

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ZITS

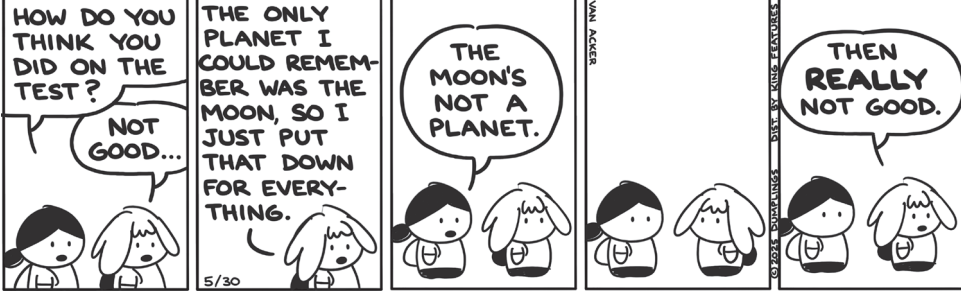


LET YOUR MOM TAKE YOU CLOTHES SHOPPING AGAIN

101 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO WHILE YOU'RE STILL A TEENAGER

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DUMPLINGS



HOW DO YOU THINK YOU DID ON THE TEST?

NOT GOOD...

THE ONLY PLANET I COULD REMEMBER WAS THE MOON, SO I JUST PUT THAT DOWN FOR EVERYTHING.

THE MOON'S NOT A PLANET. THEN REALLY NOT GOOD.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



THE NEW GUY IS AFRAID OF FIRE!

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SIX CHIX

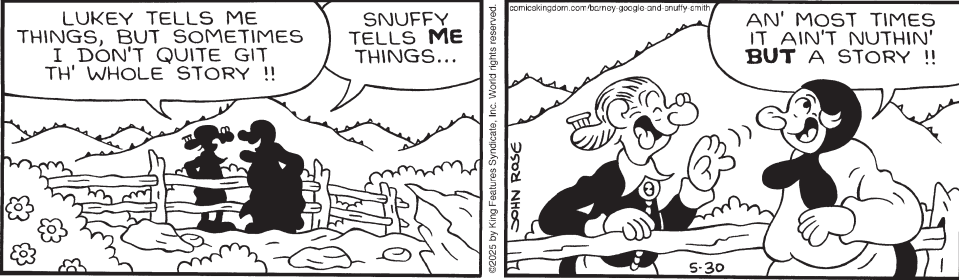


EXERCISING MAKES ME FEEL STRONG!! ENERGIZED!! ACCOMPLISHED!!

AND YET I DUN WANNA...

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



LUKEY TELLS ME THINGS, BUT SOMETIMES I DON'T QUITE GET TH' WHOLE STORY !!

SNUFFY TELLS ME THINGS... AN' MOST TIMES IT AIN'T NUTHIN' BUT A STORY !!

5-30

SALLY FORTH



I TEXTED ALL OUR FRIENDS AND THEY SAID THEY'D LOVE TO COME TO OUR OUTDOOR PARTY.

OH, COOL!

WE SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE OVER, THOUGH. REACHING OUT TO NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY NOW.

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DUSTIN



THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU.

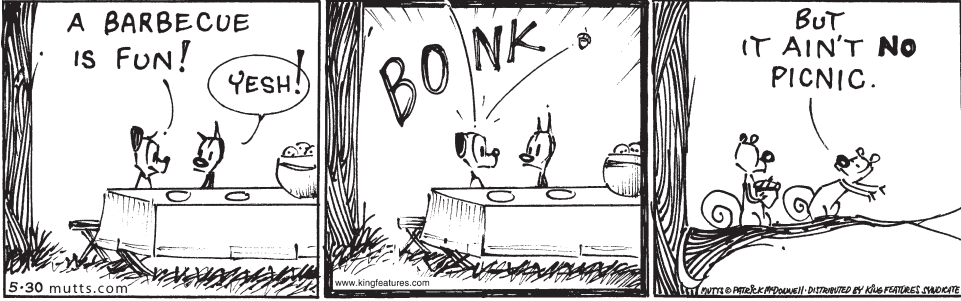
FIRE AWAY.

DO YOU THINK AI WILL EVER TAKE THE JOBS OF HUMANS?

OH, I THOUGHT IT WAS A PERSONAL QUESTION. HAHA, NO! WHY WOULD YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT?

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MUTTS



A BARBECUE IS FUN!

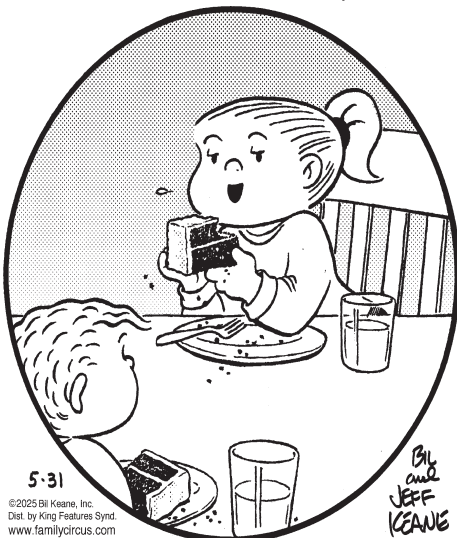
YESH!

BUT IT AIN'T NO PICNIC.

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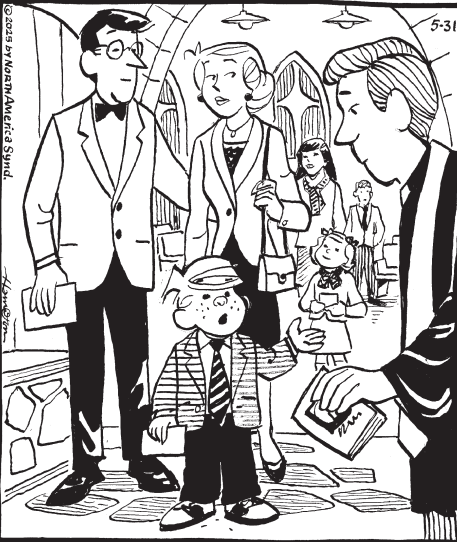
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"Eatin' carrot cake gives you good eyesight."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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"WHO GETS LED INTO TEMPTATION ANYMORE WITH EVERYONE HAVIN' GPS AND ALL?"

ARCTIC CIRCLE



FISHING BOATS KEEP TAKING FISH FROM OUR MARINE RESERVE.

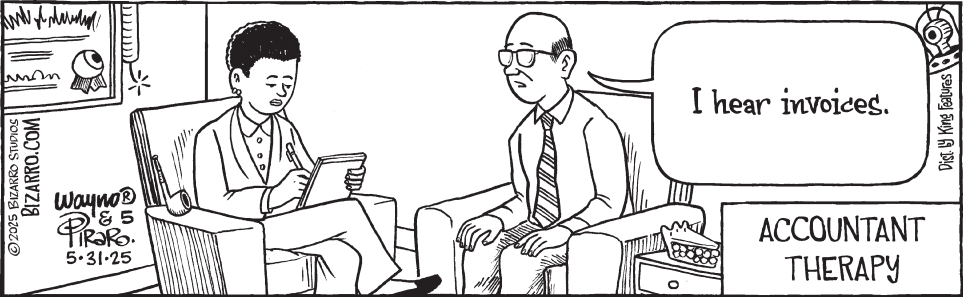
IT'S A BIG PROBLEM THAT NEEDS A BIG SOLUTION.

DONE!

I NOW DECLARE THIS FISHING NET... OPEN!

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ACCOUNTANT THERAPY

BEEBLE BAILEY



BEEBLE ESCAPED FROM HIS CAPTORS

WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOU?

THEY WOULDN'T LET ME TAKE A NAP

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN TORTURE

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



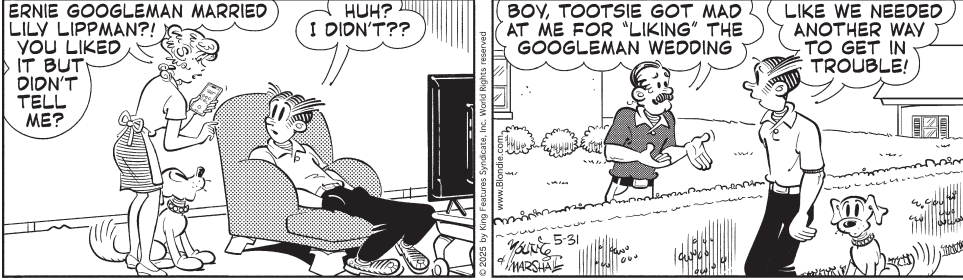
THE DO

We spike the punch with Fireball.

ARE YOU GUYS COMING DOWNSTAIRS LATER FOR THE HEREAFTER PARTY?

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BLONDIE



ERNIE GOOGLEMAN MARRIED LILY LIPPMAN?! YOU LIKED IT BUT DIDN'T TELL ME?

HUH? I DIDN'T??

BOY, TOOTSIE GOT MAD AT ME FOR "LIKING" THE GOOGLEMAN WEDDING

LIKE WE NEEDED ANOTHER WAY TO GET IN TROUBLE!

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CURTIS



I ALMOST AVOID WATCHING ANY TV NEWS NOW

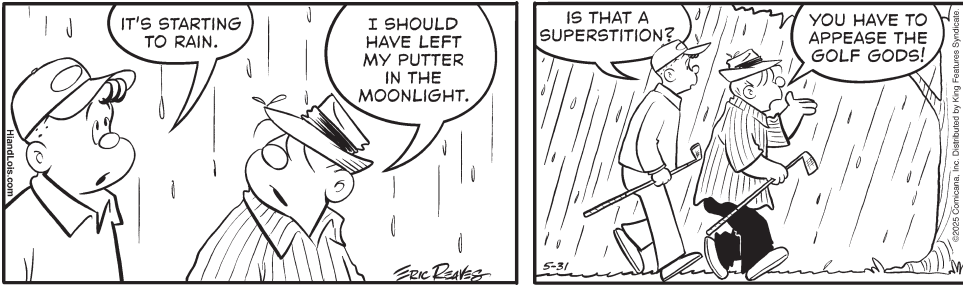
THERE'S SOMETHING UNIMAGINABLE **EVERY** DAY... SOME DAYS TWO OR THREE! IT'S MENTALLY EXHAUSTING

BUT YOU KNOW WHO I FEEL SORRY FOR?

THE KIDS IN SCHOOL WHO'LL HAFTA STUDY THIS ERA ONE HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW!

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HI & LOIS



IT'S STARTING TO RAIN.

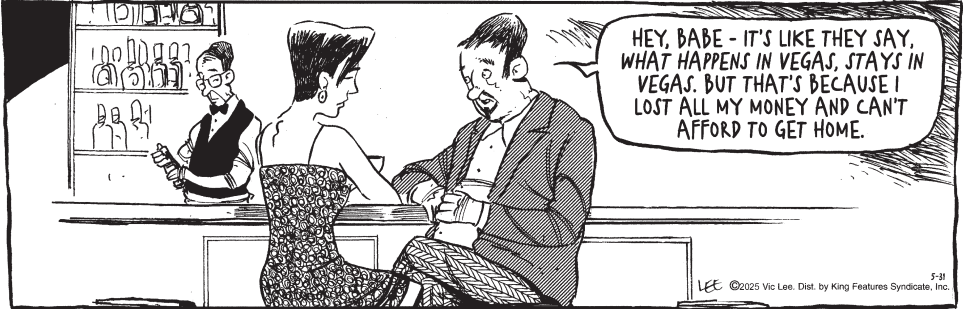
I SHOULD HAVE LEFT MY PUTTER IN THE MOONLIGHT.

IS THAT A SUPERSTITION?

YOU HAVE TO APPEASE THE GOLF GODS!

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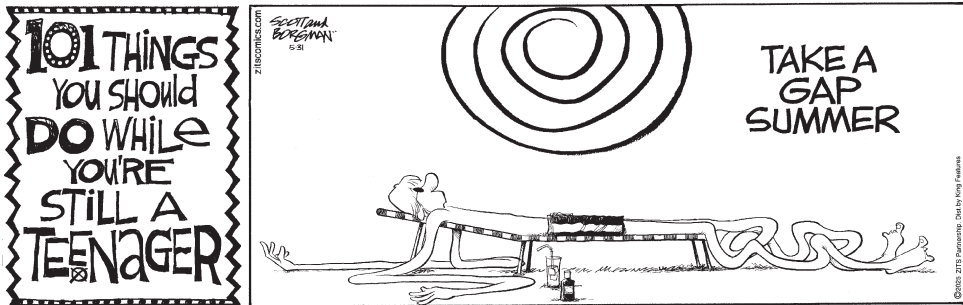
PARDON MY PLANET



HEY, BABE - IT'S LIKE THEY SAY, WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, STAYS IN VEGAS. BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I LOST ALL MY MONEY AND CAN'T AFFORD TO GET HOME.

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ZITS



10 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO WHILE YOU'RE STILL A TEENAGER

TAKE A GAP SUMMER

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DUMPLINGS



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AH-CHOO!

* SIGH * NO ONE EVER BLESSES ME.

VAN ACKER

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



HERE I AM... FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE MY APPOINTMENT!

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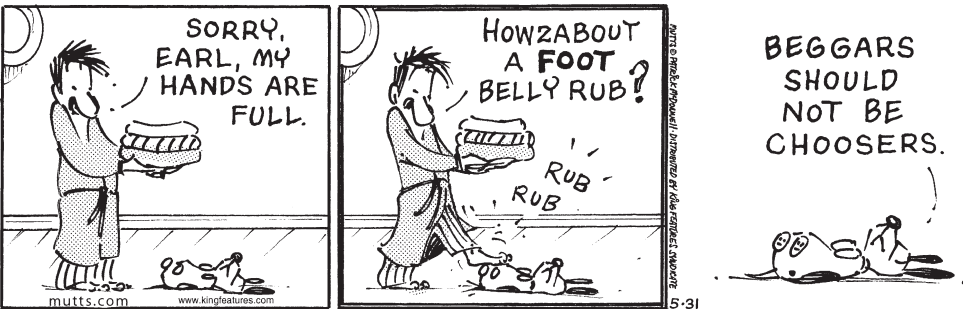
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HDRB discusses window replacement guidelines

Owner renovating Mulberry Street lodge

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A proposal to have Madison’s Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) take a closer look at applications involving the replacement of original wooden windows on the city’s contributing historic structures was discussed near the close of Tuesday’s meeting and will be brought back next month for what could be a final review and approval.

At issue is the number of historic properties whose owners are opting for modern window replacement over window restoration. According to the HDBR members, window repair might be the better alternative both in terms of quality and cost while also better preserving the integrity of the city’s historic district compared to modern replacement windows.

The proposal was first brought up by HDBR member Happy Smith a couple of months ago after the board had reviewed numerous applications where owners of historic homes and businesses had removed original wooden windows with plans to replace them with modern factory-made windows.

The concern was that original wooden windows that could have been repaired, were being lost in the historic district because other options weren’t being properly investigated and considered. She noted that original windows are a key element in preserving the look and authenticity of the historic district and much can be lost by choosing the wrong window.

Board member Ken McWilliams, who has done several preservation projects, also noted that in many cases restoring the original windows, which often does cost more up front, is

the better value because when properly maintained they tend to outlast modern factory-made replacements.

In the past some property owners have argued for modern replacement windows over restoration of original wooden windows citing the difference in costs and potential gains in heating and cooling efficiency. Board members claim that restoration is often no more costly than quality replacements — especially when the quality of the replacements is an issue — and similar efficiency can be obtained through the use of low profile exterior and/or interior storm windows that are hardly noticeable once installed.

Those same issues were mentioned during Tuesday’s discussion as well as concerns that the board should exercise closer review of applications for window replacement as a way to verify if replacement is indeed the best option and to counsel property owners on other options that would preserve the historic authenticity and value of their property.

Currently, applications seeking to remove original wooden windows and replace them with vinyl, vinyl clad or aluminum clad, are staff reviewed by the city’s historic preservation office and building inspector as long as the size and shape of the window does not alter the look of the structure.

Under the proposal being considered by the HDBR, the seven member board, which is appointed and includes residents with a background in construction and historic preservation, would take on more of that application process to review application and determine whether historic wooden windows should be restored or replaced.

As proposed, the revision states: “If the building has historic wood windows



Bob Demaree

The former Monroe Lodge F & AM Lodge No. 2, 408 Mulberry Street, is being renovated by Mulberry Lodge LLC to house up to five storefronts on the first floor with a use to be determined on the second floor. The owner, Tim Godward of Deputy, was before the Madison Historic District Board of Review Tuesday with an application concerning a storage shed and some windows.

HDBR approval is needed for removal and replacements. Historic window definition for this context: any bare/painted wood (not clad) window with multiple true divided lights and single pane (usually single strength 3/32 inch) glass.” Also “New different material does not meet guidelines including vinyl or vinyl clad.”

The city’s staff would continue to decide applications where original windows are long gone — many buildings in Madison have had undergone multiple window replacements — and the building inspector would decide all matters of safety, but most other applications would undergo some type of board review because property owners would be allowed to remove windows for either restoration or replacement.

In other applications, the board approved an application on behalf of Mulberry Lodge LLC, 408 Mulberry Street, to tear out and replace a storage shed under a fire escape at the rear of the building and make window

repairs to windows at the former Monroe Lodge No. 2.

Owner Tim Godward is renovating the former lodge (circa 1911), a two story brick structure with 4,095 square feet on each level, with five storefronts on the first level. He said he currently has no firm plans for the second floor, which includes a large open space, but the work he is doing includes replacing the storage shed and providing more secure windows on the back side of the structure along Fountain Alley.

While the front side of the building is not included in the application, the request seeks to use glass blocks to replace windows on rear of the structure to provide better safety than the existing single pane glass. Although glass blocks were beginning to be used

on some Madison structures in the 1930s, the HDBR members noted that they were not commonly used and the glass blocks could negatively alter the historic appearance of the building.

It was suggested that placement of iron bars, perhaps more commonly used in Madison in that era, would be a less invasive alternative to glass blocks.

“I hate to say bars — security bars — but I really don’t like the glass blocks,” said board member Jeb Skillman. “You’ve got something there and I’d really hate to see you change it.”

Audience member Link Ludington, president of the Cornerstone Society and a former director of Historic Preservation at Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, suggested that Godward consider applying for federal

historic presentation tax credits to assist with the project but counseled that using glass block replacement windows could make the project ineligible for that program.

“You need to make sure the park service will approve your plans,” said Ludington, adding that the tax credits are there for the taking if property owners will make application. “People in Madison over the last few decades have left 100s or 1000s of dollars on the table” by not pursuing tax credit on projects in the historic district.

Godward said he was fine with using the iron bars and would investigate that option and invited any board members or the public to visit him when he is on site to see the building and his plans for the site.

Get ready for several years of killer heat, weather forecasters warn

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — Get ready for several years of even more record-breaking heat that pushes Earth to more deadly, fiery and uncomfortable extremes, two of the world’s top weather agencies forecast.

There’s an 80% chance the world will break another annual temperature record in the next five years, and it’s even more probable that the world will again exceed the international temperature threshold set 10 years ago, according to a five-year forecast released Wednesday by the World Meteorological Organization and the U.K. Meteorological Office.

"Higher global mean temperatures may sound abstract, but it translates in real life to a higher chance of extreme weather: stronger hurricanes, stronger precipitation, droughts," said Cornell University climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, who wasn't part of the calculations but said they made sense. "So higher global mean temperatures translates to more lives lost."

With every tenth of a degree the world warms from human-caused climate change "we will experience higher frequency and more extreme events (particularly heat waves but also droughts, floods, fires and human-reinforced hurricanes/typhoons)," emailed Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany. He was not part of the research.

And for the first time there's a chance — albeit

slight — that before the end of the decade, the world's annual temperature will shoot past the Paris climate accord goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) and hit a more alarming 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) of heating since the mid-1800s, the two agencies said.

There's an 86% chance that one of the next five years will pass 1.5 degrees and a 70% chance that the five years as a whole will average more than that global milestone, they figured.

The projections come from more than 200 forecasts using computer simulations run by 10 global centers of scientists.

Ten years ago, the same teams figured there was a similar remote chance — about 1% — that one of the upcoming years would exceed that critical 1.5 degree threshold and then it happened last year. This year, a 2-degree Celsius above pre-industrial year enters the equation in a similar manner, something UK Met Office longer term predictions chief Adam Scaife and science scientist Leon Hermanson called "shocking."

"It's not something anyone wants to see, but that's what the science is telling us," Hermanson said. Two degrees of warming is the secondary threshold, the one considered less likely to break, set by the 2015 Paris agreement.

Technically, even though 2024 was 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial times, the Paris climate agreement's threshold is for

a 20-year time period, so it has not been exceeded. Factoring in the past 10 years and forecasting the next 10 years, the world is now probably about 1.4 degrees Celsius (2.5 degrees Fahrenheit) hotter since the mid 1800s, World Meteorological Organization climate services director Chris Hewitt estimated.

"With the next five years forecast to be more than 1.5C warmer than preindustrial levels on average, this will put more people than ever at risk of severe heat waves, bringing more deaths and severe health impacts unless people can be better protected from the effects of heat. Also we can expect more severe wildfires as the hotter atmosphere dries out the landscape," said Richard Betts, head of climate impacts research at the UK Met Office and a professor at the University of Exeter.

Ice in the Arctic — which will continue to warm 3.5 times faster than the rest of the world — will melt and seas will rise faster, Hewitt said.

What tends to happen is that global temperatures rise like riding on an escalator, with temporary and natural El Nino weather cycles acting like jumps up or down on that escalator, scientists said. But lately, after each jump from an El Nino, which adds warming to the globe, the planet doesn't go back down much, if at all.

"Record temperatures immediately become the new normal," said Stanford University climate scientist Rob Jackson.

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Sports

TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL

Pacers' Spillman wins 100, Cubs' Black advances to state in 2 events

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County super freshman Madison Spillman won her school's first-ever regional track championship, Madison's Anna Black advanced to the state finals in two events and Southwestern narrowly missed advancing in two events on a highly successful night for local schools at the IHSAA Girls Track & Field Regional at Bloomington North on Tuesday.

Spillman qualified for regional on the strength of four sectional championships but opted to scratch out of the 200-meter dash in order to concentrate on her best event, the 100-meter dash.

That proved to be a wise move. After posting the top time in the preliminaries, Spillman turned on the jets over the final 25 meters in the 100 finals to win with a time of 12.59 just ahead of Columbus East's Carsyn Schlehuser (12.72) and Lawrenceburg's Ava Merkel (12.79).

Spillman becomes the first Switzerland County athlete to win a regional championship in track & field. She also had two other chances at



David Campbell

Switzerland County freshman Madison Spillman (far right) pulls away from Lawrenceburg's Ava Merkel (middle) and Columbus East's Carsyn Shiehauer (far left) to win the regional championship in the 100-meter dash in Bloomington on Tuesday.

advancing to state — placing sixth in the long jump at 16 feet-even and 15th in the 400 dash in 1:05.72 — with the top three automatically qualifying for state.

Black, a sophomore, qualified for the state finals in two events but was denied a chance at a regional championship on a tie-breaker.

Black tied with Edgewood's Ella

LaRoche for first place in the pole vault at 10 feet-even but LaRoche claimed the title based on needing fewer attempts. Black also placed third in the high jump at 5 feet, 2 inches and will compete in the state finals in both events.

Southwestern came achingly close to advancing in two events as well in the 3200-meter relay and 1600-meter run.

The quartet of Olivia Simpson, Mikayla Nussbaum, Sophie Ford and Tori Gammons each ran personal bests and the Rebels broke the school record in the 3200 relay with a time of 9:54.10. The Rebels were hopeful that time would be enough to send them to the state finals with an at-large bid but fell short. The same four also placed 10th in the 1600 relay in 4:21.26.

Like Spillman, Southwestern's Savannah Nussbaum scratched out of one of the events that she won at sectional — the 1600-meter run — to concentrate on the 3200 meters. She then ran fourth in the 3200 in 11:29.59, just missing the state finals by one spot.

Other finishes for Madison were: Hannah Combs, fifth, pole vault, 8-

6; Dellah Gibson, 11th, high jump, 4-10; Gibson, Ava Collins, Hannah Ferguson and Elena Hinze, 12th, 400 relay, 52.71; Haley Ferguson, Scout Porter, Tayleigh Johnson and Poppy Kelsey, 13th, 3200 relay, 10:46.55; and Sofia Bentz, 16th, 100 hurdles, 19.50.

Other finishes for Switzerland County were: 400 relay, ninth, 51.85; Baylee Romans, 12th, high jump, 4-10; Emma Parsons, 13th, 100 dash, 13.57 and 14th, 200 dash, 28.35; Addy Preston, 13th, discus, 101-0; and Claire Rogers, 14th, 1600 run, 5:47.25.

Southwestern's Olivia Simpson placed 10th in the 800 run in 2:26.11.

Bloomington South scored 122 points to win the regional team title while rival Bloomington North placed second with 108. Madison tied for ninth out of 32 scoring teams with 18 points, Switzerland County tied for 14th with 13 points and Southwestern tied for 18th with 10 points.

The IHSAA Boys Track & Field Regional was held on Thursday at Bloomington North. The IHSAA Girls Track & Field State Championships will be held at North Central High School in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 7.

3A BASEBALL SECTIONAL



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Madison's Kaid Fink (8) gets tagged out by North Harrison catcher Bryce Fessel on a failed squeeze play in the Cubs' Class 3A baseball sectional win at home on Wednesday.

Madison overwhelms Cougars 11-7

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison overcame a fourth-inning grand slam to pull away to an 11-7 win over North Harrison in the opening round of the Class 3A Baseball Sectional Tournament on Wednesday at Gary O'Neal Field.

The host Cubs scored in every inning but the first but it wasn't until a late flurry that allowed Madison to finally secure the win.

North Harrison took an early lead with a run in the first inning but Madison answered with a Kaid Fink RBI single in the second to tie the game before a two-run home run by Nick Johnson highlighted a three-run third inning to put the Cubs ahead 4-1.

The game was far from over. Each team scored a run in their next at-bats and North Harrison struck for a big five-run

fourth inning highlighted by an Easton Tucker grand slam to take a 7-5 lead.

Madison didn't blink. Abe Reetz doubled to the deepest part of the park, Elliot Kozenski drove in a run with a groundout and Bodie Harsin singled in a run as Madison scored twice in the fifth inning to tie the game 7-7.

The Cubs added two more runs in the sixth on a Johnson RBI single and a Reetz RBI fielder's choice to go up 9-7. Two errors led to two more runs for Madison in the seventh for the final margin.

Madison had 14 total hits in the game, six of which were for extra bases. Freshman Garrett Deuser went 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored, Johnson was 2-for-5 with three RBIs and a run, Kayden McKay was 2-for-4 with a triple and three runs scored, Harsin was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored,

Kozenski had a double, an RBI and a run, and Mitchell Cammack had a hit and an RBI.

Colton O'Neal got the win in relief for Madison, allowing one earned run on two hits in four innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. Damon Harden pitched the first three innings and was tagged with four earned runs on three hits with five strikeouts and eight walks.

Tucker also had a double for North Harrison (10-14) while Caden Hoehn was hit with the loss in relief after giving up five runs — two earned — on seven hits in three innings.

Madison, now 16-7 on the season, played Scottsburg (15-5) in the sectional semifinals on Thursday at Madison. The winner will face the winner between Corydon (8-11) and Charlestown (15-8) in the championship game on Monday.

Southwestern tennis season ends at regional

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern girls tennis saw its stellar season come to an end on a 4-1 loss to Columbus North in the regional tournament Tuesday in Columbus.

The Rebels went 17-3 on the season but North proved too big of a hurdle to overcome for a second-straight year at regional.

"I am so proud of all of these young ladies as they just gave me and the team all they had," Southwestern coach Kenny Garrett said.

The Bull Dogs were tough at every position and Southwestern's lone win came at No. 3 singles where Emma Hatton gutted out a 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 win to finish the year with a 16-3 record.

Sophomore Annie Ford matched up with North's highly-ranked senior Aya Sadd at No. 1 singles and fell 6-0, 6-0 to finish the year at 14-6.

"She has had a great sophomore season for us at the always tough one spot," Garrett said. "Annie will work hard in the off season and hopefully develop a cut shot and some net play and have a great season for the next two years."

Senior Natalie LaRue lost 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles to finish at 14-4. Senior Raygan Crawford and junior Ava Barnes saw their fantastic season end with a 6-3, 6-0 loss at No. 1 doubles to finish the season at 17-2. Kaylee Hite and Jocelyn Johnson lost 7-5, 6-1 at No. 2 singles to end at 18-2.

"As a coach, when you have doubles teams combine to go 35-4 and these singles players having such successful seasons you can obviously win a lot of matches," Garrett said. "We will certainly miss Raygan and Natalie as they have been great leaders and so successful for us on the court. With five of our top seven back next season, the sky is the limit depending how much time they want to put in during the offseason. We will have two open spots up for grabs and we will see who wants them."

Along with 17 wins and the program's fourth sectional championship, Southwestern also won the Paoli Invitational and a Southern Indiana Tennis Conference tourney title.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, May 30
No local events

Saturday, May 31
BASEBALL
Shawe vs. Oldenburg, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Jac-Cen-Del, 11 a.m.
GOLF
Madison boys, Providence Invite, 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 1
No local events

Monday, June 2
BASEBALL
Switzerland Co./South Ripley vs. Brownstown/Austin, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at Switzerland Co., 5:30 p.m.
Madison/Scottsburg vs. Charlestown/Corydon, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Championship at Madison, 6 p.m.
Shawe/Oldenburg vs. Hauser/Rising Sun, IHSAA Class A Sectional Championship at Jac-Cen-Del, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3
GOLF
Shawe boys host Southwestern, Switzerland Co., 4:30 p.m.

BASEBALL SECTIONALS

Southwestern bats held in check in loss to Brownstown; Shawe wins

Shawe run-rules Tigers for 2nd win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Adam Traylor pitched well enough to win but Southwestern backed him with just two hits as the Rebels fell 3-0 to Brownstown Central in the opening round of the Class 2A Baseball Sectional Tournament at Switzerland County on Wednesday.

Traylor walked six and threw 107 pitches in five innings but held Brownstown to just one earned run on three hits with seven strikeouts.

But that performance wasn't enough to out-duel Brownstown's Brody Short, who took a no-hitter into the



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Brownstown's Jaxson Johnson (2) slides safely into second base as the ball gets away from Southwestern shortstop Jeter Chatham during the Class 2A sectional opener in Vevay on Wednesday.

sixth inning and finished with a two-hit shutout with five strikeouts for the win.

Brownstown manufactured all of its runs in the game. An RBI single by Lane Pendleton in the bottom

of the first inning staked the Braves to a 1-0 lead and that's where the score stood until the sixth inning.

Needing insurance runs, Brownstown loaded the bases on a single, an error and an

intentional walk with no outs and then scored on a bases-loaded walk. A sacrifice fly then plated the Braves' third and final run.

Southwestern did not manage a hit in the game until Jeter Chatham dropped in a bloop single to centerfield in the sixth and Traylor followed an out later with a single up the middle. Those hits represented the Rebels' best scoring opportunity of the game but both runners were stranded on base.

Tryson Warren relieved Traylor and pitched a scoreless inning with two strikeouts. Pendleton had two hits for Brownstown (16-11) and Grayson Cassidy had the Braves' other hit.

Southwestern ends the season with a 16-9 record. Switzerland County squared off against South Ripley on

Thursday in the sectional semifinals with the winner playing the winner between Brownstown and Austin on Monday in the championship game.

SHAWE KNOCKS OFF CROTHERSVILLE

Shawe Memorial scored seven runs in the fifth inning to post a 13-3 win over Crothersville in the opening round of the Class A Baseball Sectional Tournament at Jac-Cen-Del on Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers, who have now won back-to-back games for the first time this season, scored four runs in the top of the first inning and added solo runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 6-3 lead. Shawe then erupted in the fifth to end the game on the mercy rule.

Shawe had nine hits in the

game with Tyler Hill going 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and three runs scored for the Hilltoppers. Brogan Johnson had two hits and scored twice, Cavaan Hambrick had a hit, two RBIs and two runs scored, Traevin Liston and Connor Kahn each had a hit, an RBI and a run scored, Gus Grote had a hit and scored two runs and Jonathan Lopez had an RBI and scored a run.

Jacob Hart picked up the win after allowing two earned runs on five hits in 3-1/3 innings with three strikeouts. Hill pitched a scoreless 1-2/3 innings in relief with three strikeouts.

Shawe, now 2-18 on the season, will face Oldenburg in the sectional semifinals on Saturday morning. The winner will play either Hauser or Rising Sun in the championship on Monday.

SOFTBALL SECTIONALS

Switzerland beats Southwestern for 3rd time

Cubs blanked 10-0 by Corydon on four-hitter

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County's softball dominance of Southwestern stretched into the postseason as the Pacers scored eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to post a 14-4 win in the opening round of the Class 2A Softball Sectional Tournament at Brown County on Tuesday.

The Pacers, who won only five games all season, won all three matchups over the 10-win Rebels this season, scoring a total of 42 runs over the three games.

Switzerland jumped on Southwestern early Tuesday, scoring four runs in the second inning on the strength of two bases-loaded walks and a wild pitch to take a 4-0 lead.

Chloey Leach hammered an opposite field solo home run in the fourth inning to put Southwestern on the board but Switzerland answered with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to go up 6-1.

Southwestern was on the verge of a comeback in the sixth when the Rebels scored three runs to cut the Switzerland lead to 6-4. But everything fell apart in the bottom half of the frame when the Pacers erupted for



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Southwestern's Chloey Leach (far right) is greeted by teammates at the plate after hitting a home run in the Rebels' 14-4 sectional loss to Switzerland County on Tuesday.

eight runs to end the game on the mercy rule.

Bri Stow had a huge game for Switzerland, going 5-for-5 with a triple, two doubles, four RBIs and three runs scored to lead the Pacers' rout. Regan Beard was 3-for-4 with two runs scored, Klayre Smith and Aryonna Cunningham each had a hit and two RBIs and Hayley Adams had a hit and scored twice for Switzerland.

Leach was 2-for-3 with the homer and three RBIs for Southwestern, Riley Crawford had a double and an RBI and Maggie Jester, Haiden Bailey and Myah Hofelich each had hits.

Stow picked up the win

for Switzerland after scattering four runs on six hits in six innings with three strikeouts and 10 walks. Leach was tagged with the loss after allowing six earned runs on 11 hits in 5-2/3 innings with nine strikeouts and seven walks.

Switzerland advanced to the sectional semifinals on Wednesday where the Pacers lost 6-1 to Austin on a Myca Buckel five-hitter.

Buckel struck out 11 and walk none for the complete game win. The Pacers lone run came in the bottom of the first inning on a two out single by Bri Stow to left field followed by an RBI double to centerfield by Klayre Smith.

Serenity Beard was 2-for-3 for the Pacers and Smith, Stow and Hayley Adams had a hit each.

Stowe went the distance in the circle for the Pacers, giving up six runs (two earned) on 10 hits and one walk while striking out four.

Switzerland ends the season with a 5-14 record. Southwestern ends at 10-14.

MADISON OUSTED AT TOURNEY

Madison suffered a 10-0 beating by Corydon Central in the semifinals of the Class 3A Sectional Tournament at Charlestown on Wednesday.

The Panthers out-hit the Cubs 10-4 as Corydon pitcher Ava Gerdon limited Madison to four baserunners in the game — all on singles. Kyra Ayler was 2-for-3 for Madison while Ava Armbrecht and Kylie Montgomery both had hits.

Corydon scored the only run it would need on a single, a double and a wild pitch with one out in the bottom of the first inning but then tacked on three more runs including a two-run homer by Meghan Logan.

Ambrecht, Madison's starter, took the loss with six runs (all earned) on six hits and a walk while striking out three in 2-1/3 innings before Emily Laufer came on in relief to give up four runs (all earned) on four hits and three walks while striking out four

Madison ends the season with a 9-14 record.

Royals edge Reds 3-2 to avoid series sweep

BY MARC BOWMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Noah Cameron pitched into the seventh, scattering six singles as the Kansas City Royals beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 to salvage the final game of the series on Wednesday night.

Cameron (2-1) allowed a run on six hits and two walks with two strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings.

Maikel Garcia singled with one out in the fourth, extending his hitting streak to 13 games, then scored from first on Drew Waters' deflected single.

In the fifth, John Rave doubled to right, collecting his first major league hit, and scored when Bobby Witt Jr. bounced a two-out double inside the first base bag for a 2-0 lead.

Witt added an insurance run with a seventh-inning sacrifice fly.

Carlos Estévez struck out two for a four-out save, his 15th.

Among his three singles, Spencer Steer delivered two-out RBI hits in the sixth and eighth.

Tyler Stephenson hit three singles while TJ Friedl hit two singles and has multiple hits in six straight games.

Hunter Greene (4-3) allowed two runs on seven hits and a walk with three strikeouts in five innings.

Austin Hays exited the game in the eighth with a left foot contusion. He was hobbled after fouling a pitch off his foot in a sixth-inning at-bat.

KEY MOMENT

Running on a 2-2 pitch, Garcia scored from first when second baseman Matt McLain deflected Waters' hit into shallow right field, snapping a scoreless tie.

KEY STAT

Stephenson was 7 for 12 in the three-game series, including his first two three-hit games of the season.

Chase open to preseason changes to avoid Bengals' slow starts

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase said that while he doesn't want to play in the preseason, he understands that may be what's best for a Cincinnati team that has lost its first two games the past three seasons.

"It sounds like we need to play in the preseason," Chase said on Tuesday after the Bengals wrapped up their first organized team activity practice.

After starting 0-2 in 2022 and 2023 — seasons where the Bengals barely played their top players in the preseason — the Bengals used a similar approach last season and dropped their first three games en route to a 1-4 start.

While many Bengals players were shaking off rust during the first few weeks of the 2024 season, Chase had added pressure. He opted to not participate in training camp as he tried to negotiate a contract extension.

"I wasn't mentally ready to be on the field," Chase said. "I was in my own head."

With Chase as well as wide receiver Tee Higgins now secured on long-term deals, Chase has much more peace of mind entering the 2025 season. Quarterback Joe Burrow was excited to see

those contract extensions finalized early this offseason.

"It's great when you can reward guys who do it the right way, work really hard to go out and play great on Sundays and play great week in and week out," Burrow said. "It's great to have them for the next four years, and I will here, too, so we've got the core here, and that's exciting."

Chase won the receiving triple crown last season as he led the NFL in receptions (127), receiving yards (1,708) and touchdown catches (17). He said that he got back to playing with a "chip" on his shoulder during the middle of last season, and he's trying to keep that mindset entering the 2025 season.

"I'm challenging myself, pushing the guys around me, learning more of the offense and learning more defenses," Chase said. "Seeing the small things from the defense in pre-snap tells."

Last season, even though Chase reached the statistical goals that he set for himself, the Bengals didn't make the playoffs. When Chase was asked about the goals that he's setting for 2025, he focused on team success.

"We didn't make the playoffs for two years straight," Chase said. "That's my chip (on my shoulder) right there."

Coach Zac Taylor said last

week that having Chase and Higgins both under contract certainly provides the team with security, but it doesn't impact his job as a play caller.

"You're looking at this year. How can we be the best 2025 Bengals team," he said. "There's a lot of things, now that we get these guys in the system a little longer and not just Tee and Ja'Marr, we can continue to grow and tweak, and that's been a really good part of our offseason so far. I think it's still challenging to those guys who have been here for several years. Some of the new things that we're working on is good and it's pushing their boundaries a little bit, and they've taken it the right way."

NOTES: The Professional Football Writers Association announced on Tuesday that Burrow was selected as the winner of the George Halas Award. The award recognizes an NFL player, coach or staff member who overcomes the most adversity to succeed. Last season, Burrow recovered from a significant wrist surgery and went on to lead the NFL in passing yards with 4,918. He is the first member of the Bengals organization to receive the award since then-defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer was recognized in 2010.



AP Photo

"I'm challenging myself, pushing the guys around me, learning more of the offense and learning more defenses," said Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr, who said while he doesn't want to play in the preseason, he understands that may be what's best for a Cincinnati team that has lost its first two games the past three seasons.

Haliburton's triple double pushes Pacers to edge of NBA Finals

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton finished with 32 points, 15 assists and 12 rebounds without a turnover in a historic postseason performance to lead the Indiana Pacers past the New York Knicks 130-121 on Tuesday night for a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

With his father, John, back in Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Haliburton became the first player with such a stat line in the postseason since turnovers were first tracked in 1977-78 and he carried the Pacers within a victory of their second trip to the NBA Finals. Nikola Jokic and Oscar Robertson are the only other players to post 30 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds in a playoff game.

Game 5 is Thursday in New



AP Photo/Michael Conroy

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton (0) celebrates the team's win after Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals of the NBA basketball playoffs against the New York Knicks in Indianapolis on May 27. The Pacers' star had 32 points, 15 assists and 12 rebounds without a turnover.

York.

"I'll look at that later and reflect on that at a different time. For me, it's just about winning," Haliburton said. "

I wanted to prove I could respond when my back is against the wall, my team's back is against the wall. I feel like we responded the right

way."

Pascal Siakam added 30 points while Haliburton had four steals in his second career postseason triple-double. Obi Toppin's 3-pointer with 46 seconds left sealed it.

Jalen Brunson scored 31 points. Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and OG Anunoby finished with 22 points. But the Knicks couldn't rally from another double-digit deficit.

It marked the first time in the series the home team won and leaves the Knicks one loss away from getting eliminated for the second straight year by Indiana.

"We've all got to be better. We've got to be better as a team," Towns said after shaking off a left leg injury with 2:11 to play to finish the game. "It's unfortunate we couldn't find a way tonight when we found a way in all the other series to do it."

Nearly a dozen former Pacers players, including Jermaine O'Neal and Lance Stephenson, joined Haliburton's father in the heavily gold-clad crowd. So did WWE Hall of Famer Triple H, rappers Rob 49 and 50 Cent and singers John Mellencamp and Jelly Roll. Haliburton also brought New York firefighter Hans Perez, a Pacers fan, to the game and gave him a signed No. 0 jersey.

John Haliburton had been forced to watch Indiana's previous eight postseason games from afar after he ran onto the court and confronted Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo following his son's last-second shot to eliminate Milwaukee in the first round. The Pacers allowed him to return for Game 4 and he sat in a suite.

Both teams were shooting at a clip of 70% long into the first quarter as the Pacers

raced to a 43-35 lead. Haliburton helped Indiana close the half on a 6-0 run to make it 69-64 as he finished the half just two rebounds short of his third career triple-double.

"He was our leader tonight and we had some difficult film stuff yesterday, not fun," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "We allowed things to go a different direction than they needed to go in Game 3 and tonight we were determined to turn it back in our direction."

Did they ever.

Indiana opened the second half with an even more aggressive style that spurred a 9-2 run and closed the quarter on a 9-4 spurt to extend the margin to 102-91. Siakam scored the final five points of a 9-3 run early in the fourth to give Indiana a 111-96 lead.

New York got as close as six three times in the closing minutes but couldn't get any loser.

SGA scores 34 as Thunder advance to NBA Finals

BY CLIFF BRUNT
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OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City Thunder tried their best to balance the euphoria of the moment with the fact that they haven't completed their mission.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 34 points, and the Thunder routed the Minnesota Timberwolves 124-94 on Wednesday night to win the Western Conference finals series 4-1 and advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 2012.

After the win, the league MVP was measured in his excitement. Oklahoma City will play the Indiana Pacers or New York Knicks in the finals. Indiana leads the Eastern Conference finals series 3-1 with Game 5 to be played in New York City on Thursday.

"We've got a lot of growing to do," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do to get to our ultimate goal, and this is not it, so that's all that I'm focused on."

Still, the young Thunder players had some of their usual fun. During a postgame interview, coach Mark Daigneault began complimenting his young squad.

"These guys are uncommon. They do everything right. They're high character."

Then, several players started draping towels over Daigneault, as they often do to local sideline reporter Nick Gallo during postgame interview sessions.

"They're idiots," Daigneault said without breaking focus.

Chet Holmgren had 22 points, seven rebounds and three blocks and Jalen



AP Photo/Nate Billings

Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards (5) works toward the basket as Oklahoma City Thunder guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (2) defends during the first half of Game 5 of the Western Conference finals of the NBA basketball playoffs on Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

Williams added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Thunder.

A fanbase that had suffered through losing Kevin Durant in free agency in 2016 and a rebuild that had the team near the bottom of the league's standings just four years ago let loose in the fourth quarter when the Thunder sat their starters with 5:14 remaining and a 108-74 lead.

Julius Randle scored 24 points and Anthony Edwards added 19 for the Timberwolves, who shot just 41.2% from the field and committed 21 turnovers.

It was a tough loss for Minnesota point guard Mike Conley. The 37-year-old point guard said these opportunities are rare.

"It's going to take a while just to kind of dissect what we just did and what we

weren't able to accomplish," he said. "But at the same time, I'm proud of my team, proud of these guys, man. They really fought. Not just for me, but for the whole team."

Oklahoma City opened the game on an 11-3 run and extended the advantage throughout the first quarter. Cason Wallace drained a 3-pointer as the first quarter expired to put the Thunder up 26-9 at the end of the period. The game was never close after that.

"We just struggled to find a rhythm," Minnesota coach Chris Finch said. "Everyone was kind of trying to do it all by themselves. We lost our connectivity. But all credit to the Thunder. They certainly deserve this. They played outstanding. And we came up short in a lot of ways."

Switzerland coach Wrightsman headed to Jennings

Wrightsmen to lead Panthers this season

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Switzerland County boys basketball head coach Travis Wrightsman is leaving that position for the head coaching job at Jennings County High School.

Wrightsmen, the head coach at Switzerland County in Vevay after previously coaching at South Ripley in Versailles, was officially hired by the Jennings County School Corporation at its

board meeting last Thursday evening. He has more than 300 career wins.

A native of New Castle, Indiana, Wrightsman is a graduate of Blackburn College in Illinois where he was a standout player on the men's basketball team. He was inducted into the Blackburn's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

He has been in education for 27 years and coached basketball for 22 years, both in Missouri and Indiana.

The coach emphasizes the importance of hard work, discipline, and teamwork, shaping not just skilled players but also well-rounded individuals.



TRAVIS WRIGHTSMAN

Annuity Laddering: A Strategy for Maximizing Value



Layin' it on the line

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What is Annuity Laddering?

Annuity laddering is a strategic approach that distributes the purchase of annuities over time with varying terms or maturity dates. Inspired by the concept of laddering in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and bonds, this method can significantly enhance an annuity's value. - Lyle Boss

Many seniors hesitate to include annuities in their retirement portfolios, fearing they might miss out on higher returns during bull markets. While this concern is understandable, especially when retirement savings might feel inadequate, chasing high returns can be risky.

Annuity laddering offers a balanced approach, helping to mitigate opportunity costs and provide more stable returns. This strategy is particularly beneficial for retirees and pre-retirees seeking secure income.

Benefits of Annuity Laddering
Laddering annuities provides several advantages: Spreads Interest Rate and Re-

Investment Risk: By purchasing annuities at different times, you diversify your exposure to fluctuating interest rates.

Maintains Short-Term Liquidity: Laddering allows you to access funds at various intervals, ensuring you're not entirely locked into long-term investments.

Potentially Takes Advantage of Long-Term Rates: By layering purchases, you can benefit from higher long-term rates as they become available. Adapts to Economic Conditions: You can buy annuities each year, capitalizing on the prevailing economic environment, including current interest rates and your age at purchase and payout.

Annuity laddering prevents you from locking up all your funds in a low-rate environment or chasing potentially fleeting high returns.

How to Build an Annuity Ladder
Laddering is a personalized strategy, and it's advisable to consult with a financial advisor specializing in safe money products and annuity ladders tailored to your financial goals. However, here are some common methods:

1. Spread Out Your Principal: If you have a lump sum, such as \$500,000, you could purchase annuities in installments, such as \$100,000 per year over five years. This keeps a portion of your funds accessible and allows for other investment opportunities.

2. Vary Surrender Periods: Buy fixed-rate annuities with different surrender periods. A surrender period is the time you must wait before withdrawing funds without penalties (generally beginning at age 59.5). This allows for liquidity as each surrender period ends.

3. Diversify Annuity Types: Invest in various types of annuities to balance their respective advantages and

disadvantages. Each annuity type has pros and cons, and diversification helps leverage the strengths while mitigating the weaknesses.

4. Stagger Payment Dates: In addition to laddering purchases, stagger your payout start dates (beginning at age 59.5). Payouts generally increase the older you are when they begin, while life expectancy impacts payout amounts.

Why Consider Annuities?

Annuities can be an excellent choice for those seeking: Principal protection Guaranteed lifetime income Protection against longevity risk A legacy for loved ones Annuity laddering enhances these benefits. Many annuities offer liquidity through penalty-free withdrawals of up to 10% of the annuity's value annually.

Conclusion

Annuity laddering is a powerful strategy for maximizing the benefits of annuities, providing financial security, and peace of mind in retirement. Consult a safe money and retirement income specialist to explore how annuity laddering can align with your specific needs and financial goals.

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Fever star Caitlin Clark out at least 2 weeks with left quad strain

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Fever star Caitlin Clark will miss at least two weeks after straining her left quadriceps during Saturday's 90-88 loss to the defending WNBA champion New York Liberty.

Coach Stephanie White told reporters Monday she wasn't sure exactly when Clark was injured but was told after the game she had "something going on with her leg." An MRI confirmed the diagnosis. Clark's absence could wind up being a big blow for one of the league's title favorites.

"Obviously, she wants to play and, obviously, everyone wants to see her play," White said following Monday's practice. "But for me, it's about maintaining perspective. It's making sure that we address this that doesn't affect the long term, that we take care of it and don't overpush, don't overexert."

Clark was not seen with

her teammates at the end of practice and was not available for comment. Team officials said additional updates will be provided as circumstances warrant.

It's the first time in Clark's career she's missed a game after playing in all 40 games and both playoff games last season and the first four games this year. She did miss Indiana's first preseason game this year with a leg injury.

Last season's WNBA rookie of the year finished with 18 points and 10 assists Saturday but lost the ball on Indiana's final possession as she tried to take a 3-pointer that could have won the game in the waning seconds.

Afterward, White complained that New York was not called for a foul. Clark is averaging 19.0 points, 9.3 assists and 6.0 rebounds this season as the Fever have opened with a 2-2 mark. Indiana returns to action Wednesday at Washington

and Clark is expected to miss that game as well as home contests against Connecticut and Washington and Indiana's rematch at Chicago on June 7 against Clark's rival, Angel Reese.

The league's top drawing player could miss additional time, but the Fever seem more capable of winning without Clark this season after using the offseason to bring in a large group of veteran players with championship experience.

It's unclear just how the Fever will try to replace Clark's play-making ability. "Sometimes great players don't tell you when they're hurting," White said. "I'm glad that she did because we need to nip this in the bud."

Clark set a single-season league record last season with 337 assists after leading the Iowa Hawkeyes to back-to-back national runner-up finishes in college.

Oilers beat Stars in Western Conference finals

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers are one win away from a return trip to the Stanley Cup Final. Leon Draisaitl and Corey Perry each had a power-play goal and an assist and the Oilers took a commanding lead in the Western Conference final series with a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night.

Kasperii Kapanen and Adam Henrique added empty-net goals, and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Connor McDavid each had two assists for the Oilers took a 3-1 lead in the series by winning three consecutive games after a third-period collapse cost them the opening game in Dallas.MSince that game, Edmonton has outscored Dallas 13-2.

Draisaitl said it was far from easy

in Game 4.

“There are going to be some swings in a series. They’re one of the last four teams standing, so they’re going to have their push, and there’s going to be periods where they control the play. That’s just the way it is,” Draisaitl said. “But I think we’ve managed it really well. (goalie Stuart Skinner) has been incredible when we needed him to be, and our third period was really well played.”

The Oilers are now 9-0 in Game 4s over their past three playoff runs. Skinner continued to shine in the Edmonton net, making 28 saves in the win.

“How we all played as a team was fantastic and shows a lot of courage, the way that guys are blocking shots,” Skinner said. “For myself, it definitely

felt good out there. I’m just trying to give my team the best chance that I possibly can every night.”

Jason Robertson scored for the Stars, who are in danger of being eliminated in the West final by the Oilers for the second year in a row.

“It’s time to reset again, it’s not over until somebody wins four games,” said Stars forward Mikko Rantanen, who has been held scoreless for seven straight games after scoring nine goals in the six previous games. “So, now we go on home ice and it’s just one game at a time. I mean, I don’t even think really what the series is, it’s just try to win one game and come back to Alberta.”

Jake Oettinger recorded 29 stops while taking the loss in the Dallas net, falling to 5-11 in his career in

West final contests.

After surviving a flurry of Dallas chances to start the game, the Oilers started the scoring on the power play with 8:37 to play in the opening period as Nugent-Hopkins kept up his hot play in the series, feeding it to Draisaitl who beat Oettinger with a one-timer from a bad angle for his seventh of the playoffs.

There was some cause for concern for Edmonton in the first frame, however, as forward Zach Hyman took an open ice hit from Mason Marchment and left the game with an upper-body injury.

The Stars tied the game at 1-1 seven minutes into the second period on a nice power-play passing play as Robertson picked the top corner on Skinner for his second goal of the playoffs in as many games.

Edmonton regained the lead on another power play as Nugent-Hopkins made a perfect pass to Perry for an easy tap-in for his sixth, making him just the fifth player aged 40 and older to score in a conference final.

It was Nugent-Hopkins' fourth consecutive multipoint performance, becoming the first player in 35 years to accomplish that feat in a conference final, and the first Oiler to have nine or more points through the first four games of a conference final since Wayne Gretzky 37 years ago.

Stars forward Roopee Hintz returned to the lineup after missing a game. He was helped off the ice late in the third period of Game 2 after being slashed on the top of the left foot by Oilers defenseman Darnell Nurse.

Defending champs Panthers head back to Stanley Cup Finals

BY AARON BEARD
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RALEIGH, N.C. — Carter Verhaeghe broke a tie off a feed from Aleksander Barkov with 7:39 left and the defending champion Florida Panthers advanced to their third straight Stanley Cup Final, beating the Carolina Hurricanes 5-3 on Wednesday night in Game 5.

Florida beat the Hurricanes in the Eastern Conference final for the second time in three seasons. The Panthers will face the winner of the Western final between Dallas and Edmonton, with the Oilers up 3-1 in that best-of-seven series to put them within a win of a rematch with Florida for the Cup.

Sam Bennett added an empty-net goal with 54 seconds left by skating down a loose puck straight out of the penalty box after Florida had held up against a critical late power play for the Hurricanes.

That capped a wild night that saw the Hurricanes jump to a 2-0 lead, and Florida answer with three second-

period goals, only to see Carolina's Seth Jarvis beat Sergei Bobrovsky midway through the third to tie it at 3.

When it was over, the Panthers posed for pictures on Carolina's home ice during the presentation of the Prince of Wales Trophy for the conference winner. Some Hurricanes fans remained defiant, offering scattered “Let's go, Oilers!” chants.

The angst is appropriate considering how Florida has now twice ended Carolina's push to its first Cup Final since winning the franchise's lone title in 2006 when now-coach Rod Brind'Amour was captain.

Florida had won the first three games of this series but lost 3-0 at home Monday night as the Hurricanes averted a second straight sweep against Florida. But by the final horn Wednesday, the Panthers had won all three games in Raleigh in the series, pushed their road winning streak in these playoffs to five games and earned an eighth postseason road win overall.

Matthew Tkachuk, Evan Rodrigues

and Anton Lundell scored on consecutive shots during Florida's second-period flurry, while Bobrovsky finished with 20 saves.

Barkov's assist on Verhaeghe's winner also stood out as its own terrific individual effort. Florida's captain was jostling with Carolina's Dmitry Orlov in a battle near the boards on the left side when he turned toward the crease, stepped inside of Eric Robinson and sent the puck over to Verhaeghe for the finish that silenced a Hurricanes home crowd in full-throated roar after Jarvis' tying score.

Sebastian Aho scored twice in the first period for Carolina, both on neutral-zone giveaways — the first being one from Gustav Forsling that hit Aho in stride for a breakaway chance that ended up in the net. Aho added another off a giveaway from Niko Mikkola with little more than a minute left in the first for a 2-0 lead.

Carolina has won at least one postseason series in its current run of seven straight playoff appearances, though three have now ended in the Eastern final.

Harbaugh: Cutting ties with Tucker a 'complex' decision for Ravens

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Before Baltimore cut ties with Justin Tucker early this month, coach John Harbaugh said whatever the Ravens decided to do would be a football decision.

That doesn't mean it was simple.

Harbaugh was available to local reporters Wednesday for the first time since the Ravens announced May 5 they were releasing Tucker. The five-time All-Pro kicker had been accused by over a dozen massage therapists of inappropriate sexual behavior, according to reporting by the Baltimore Banner. The NFL said it would investigate, but it's not clear when that process will conclude.

“It was a complex decision-making process, and I'm a part of it,” Harbaugh said, adding that owner Steve Bisciotti, president Sashi Brown and executive vice president Ozzie Newsome were involved in the move, along with general manager Eric DeCosta.

“You’re talking about arguably the best kicker in the history of the game, and like we said, it’s multilayered. It’s complicated, but in the end, it all comes back to what you have to do to get ready for your team to play the first game,” Harbaugh added. "I think if you step back and take a look at all the issues and all the ramifications, you can understand that we’ve got to get our football team ready, and we’ve got to have a kicker ready to go. That was the move that we decided to make, so in that sense, it’s a football decision.”

The Ravens drafted kicker Tyler Loop out of Arizona this offseason, and they also signed undrafted rookie kicker John Hoyland of Wyoming.

When the team moved on from Tucker, DeCosta released a statement citing “current roster” consider-

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— John Harbaugh
Ravens coach

ations as being part of the decision. Harbaugh is now suggesting that Tucker's uncertain availability may have played a bigger role than his performance, which slipped noticeably for much of last season.

“If it was just a black and white, simple thing, then it would be easy to understand, but I think anybody can look at the whole thing in perspective and say, ‘OK, we’ve got to have a kicker ready to go, and there’s a whole lot of moving parts of that deal,’” Harbaugh said. "It's just the reality of it, and you're faced with that.”

Harbaugh also addressed another big issue from the past month — the loss of safety Ar'Darius Washington to a torn Achilles tendon.

“It was a clean tear, if you want to call it that, so it's one of those ones that heals ... it's the more quick-healing version,” Harbaugh said. “Ar'Darius tells me he'll be back in November. He's always been a quick healer. I'm looking at November, December in my mind, so yes, we're counting on him being back.”

Future of college sports in the balance at Florida resort for SEC's spring meetings

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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MIRAMAR BEACH, Fla. — Nothing less than the future of college sports is being hashed this week out in conference rooms spread throughout a sprawling seaside resort in Florida.

These are the Southeastern Conference's annual spring meetings — a gathering of school presidents, athletic directors and coaches. It might be argued that the 2025 affair carries more weight than it ever has.

Among the topics are the future of the College Football Playoff, the SEC's own schedule, the transfer portal and the NCAA itself. All are influenced by the fate of a multibillion-dollar lawsuit settlement that hovers over almost every corner of college athletics.

As a reminder of what's at stake, a handful of football coaches detailed the uncertainties they faced with the start of practice closing in, one of which is still not knowing how many players they'll be able to suit up for the upcoming season.

“It's challenging when you're trying to figure out what you can do for football camp on July 30th, when we really don't have much of a resolution of what that's going to look like,” Texas A&M coach Mike Elko said.

Some of the topics being discussed this week and the SEC's role in sorting them out:

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two conferences would receive four automatic bid, and another that allots one automatic bid to five conferences and 11 at-large slots.

“The best system with 16 should be the 16 best,” said Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin, a critic of the system last year when his team was left out of the first 12-team field. “I don't know exactly how that's figured out”

The Big 12 and Atlantic Coast conferences, which are the other two members of the Power Four, will be able to offer their input — but that's all it is — along with the rest of the smaller conferences who are involved in the CFP structure.

Asked about the relationship with his fellow commissioners, the SEC's Greg Sankey relayed a recent conversation he had with one of his predecessors, Roy Kramer, who had his share of contentious arguments with leaders of other conferences.

“He said, ‘We’d walk out of some of those rooms, and we weren't going to talk to each other for a year. We hated each other, but we always figured a way out,’” Sankey said. “I take great comfort in that. And I take the responsibility to figure that out.”

At stake is not only what the six seasons starting in 2026 will look like, but — if the SEC and Big Ten create an unrepairable rift with the other Power Four leagues — what college football might become once

ESPN's \$7.8 billion contract to televise the games ends after the 2031 season.

The SEC's decision on whether to add a ninth league game and a possible shift from a conference title game to a series of “play-in” games for newly created automatic qualifying spots are also related to the CFP's next format.

THE TRANSFER PORTAL

If only there weren't that little problem of the “student” in “student-athlete,” some of the decisions about the transfer portal would be so much simpler.

Because schools try to sync the timing of the window when players can leave one school for another with the academic calendar, football finds itself having to choose between a window that opens during the playoff — around the time the spring semester kicks off — or one that opens in the spring and predates the fall semester.

The playoff option might be more convenient for some coaches, who could build their roster and do offseason workouts with those players from January through the spring. But that could lead to a repeat of some of the awkward moves from last season, with players on teams contending for a title leaving for better offers.

“It's really hard to be playing in a championship setting and have to be dealing with that,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “When I brought that up

as a complaint or a problem, it was told to me, ‘There’s no crying from a yacht.’”

Ultimately, members of the American Football Coaches Association agreed that January is the way to go. The NCAA will ultimately make this decision, likely with heavy input from the new entity being formed by the Power Four conferences that will run key aspects of college sports.

THE NCAA'S FUTURE

Most people at these meetings agree that the SEC isn't looking to break away from the NCAA completely.

Then again, Sankey said, “I’ve shared with the decision-making working group (at the NCAA) that I have people in my room asking, ‘Why are we still in the NCAA?’”

This has lent urgency to the proposals being considered for even more autonomy for the Power Four, who are looking to streamline decision-making and put the most important topics — finances, litigation and infractions not related to the settlement — in their hands.

The current proposal for a slimmed-down board of directors would give the four biggest conferences enough voting power to total 65% of the vote even if the other nine board members all disagreed. It does not give the Power Four enough voting power to pass a measure if one of the four dissents.

That might not be enough. “I think 68% is a number that's been on our mind, because you can't just have someone walk away at that level among four and everything stops,” Sankey said of a formula that would give three of four conferences the voting power to pass legislation. “We need to talk through those things in depth.”

Tiger's son, Charlie Woods, wins Team TaylorMade Invitational for AJGA event

BOWLING GREEN, Fla. — Tiger Woods needs to make room on his trophy shelf for son Charlie.

The 16-year-old finished with a three-round score of 15-under 201 at the Team TaylorMade Invitational on Wednesday in winning his first American Junior Golf Association event at the Streamsong Resort Black Course. Woods began the day tied at 9-under 135 and finished with a final round of 6-under 66 to top a 71-player field that included four of the top-five ranked AJGA's players.

Woods' final round featured eight birdies and two bogeys, and he closed with four straight pars. He won the event by three strokes ahead of a three-way tie between fifth-ranked

player Luke Colton, Willie Gordon and Phillip Dunham.

Woods opened the tournament with a first round score of 70 and followed with a 65 on Tuesday. He was competing in just his fifth AJGA event, with his previous best finish a tie for 25th at the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley in March.

Woods already counted several wins on his resume, with his first coming in the 14-15-year-old category at the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour's Major Championship in June 2023. Later that year, he won the Last Chance Regional golf tournament.

Last summer, he qualified to compete at the U.S. Junior Amateur but failed to make the cut.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Act like the cameras are rolling, and success might be yours for the taking. Remain aware of any conflicting commitments that may spread your energy. You might feel a need to show off your most prized possessions but resist the urge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Seasonal changes could reflect shifts in your overall attitude and outlook. Set a good example for others. Physical activities and exercise may help clear your mind and provide a safe environment for group participation and sharing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a greater purpose in being who you are and where you are. Recognize how you might impact lives by your actions. Your existence and knowledge are meaningful. Lean into new ways of demonstrating gratitude through generosity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things may continue to come at you in waves; you may need extra resources to keep up with their demands. If you ask for help, it could be available. And rest assured that if you deal with things now, they should get resolved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus on being calm and steady. Steer clear of rash, impulsive moves in love or money that could be disruptive. Your ambitions may be ramping up, but your wishful thinking could be activated whenever temptations are heightened.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The best choice may be obvious so don't waste energy overthinking a passing issue. If you're deciding between two similar options, pick the one that appeals to you most and move on. After quitting time, focus on love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Consider if you can forget lingering deadlines until Monday and perhaps by plan a special evening with someone close. Romantic moments, demonstrations of affection, and proof of someone's faithfulness could be a reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't stray too far from what brings you the most joy and happiness. Something new may divert your attention from what's best for the group. Change isn't always for the best, so ask the right questions before jumping in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Deepening ambitions and goals may bring out your best qualities. Keep the peace and you might be able to make a lasting impression. A modest risk could yield a nice reward if you remain vigilant and aware.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It can be easy to forget special moments in the flurry of everything coming at you. However, maintaining your emotional bonds may give you the strength to handle the rest of the pile. Celebrate your relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Teamwork could turn plans into gold. Show off your knack for leading others when the moment's right. A stack of small tasks might lay the groundwork for your bigger ambitions. Push through, and you should see progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The weekend can't come soon enough for you but try not to watch the clock or your wait may seem even longer. Your poise and experience could make you sought after, a colleague or a friend may ask for your input on a project.

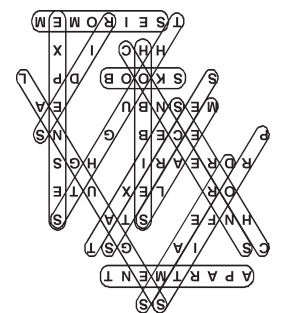
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Ohtani joins elite Dodgers company with 20th homer of season

BY JOE REEDY
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CLEVELAND — Mishits by most players end up being outs.

For Shohei Ohtani, they can result in home runs.

The Japanese star became the third player in Dodgers history to reach 20 homers in the team's first 55 games with a two-run towering drive during the fourth inning Tuesday night against the Cleveland Guardians.

The Japanese star joined Gil Hodges (21 in 1951) and Cody Bellinger (20 in 2019) as Dodgers with at least 20 homers in the first 55 games.

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It is the 64th time a player in the majors did it in the same span, the first since the New York Mets' Pete Alonso in 2023.

"It's really cool. A little bit jealousy probably. You know, he basically mishits a fly ball today and it still goes out," said Max Muncy, who added a three-run homer in the

Dodgers' 9-5 victory. "It's just one of those things where he does that stuff that no normal human beings can do. It's really fun to watch and see it."

Ohtani — a three-time MVP who leads the major leagues in homers — drove a cutter from Tanner Bibee into the left-field stands for a 4-0 lead. It was the fourth time this

season Ohtani has gone deep to the opposite side.

"It wasn't flushed, but it was spun the right way. It was just one of those balls that when he hit it, it just kept going like a helium ball," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "It is true that he has a lot more margin for error than everyone else on the planet. Maybe him and (New York Yankees slugger Aaron) Judge."

Bibee struck out Ohtani in the first inning and issued an intentional walk in the second. The right-hander thought he got out of the fourth inning when he saw Ohtani hit it, only to see it keep carrying.

"I think a lot of people thought it was a popup. I mean, I did too. It was definitely crazy seeing that go up," Bibee said.

It was the second time this season and 10th since Ohtani came to the majors from Japan for the 2018 season he has homered in three straight games. That also includes a stretch of eight in the last 13 games.

Prior to Tuesday night, the fastest Ohtani had gone deep 20 times in a season was 70 games into the Angels' season in 2021.

It is the third time the four-time All-Star has had at least 12 homers in a month since joining the Dodgers. He did

it in June and August last season.

The most homers Ohtani has hit in a month was 15 with the Los Angeles Angels in June 2023. Of Ohtani's 245 big league homers, 37 have gone to left field.

"He's just been much more disciplined in the strike zone," Roberts said. "He's swinging at his strikes and he's taking balls that are not in the hitting zone. And I think that if you look at that stretch, he's walking a lot more too. When he's willing to take the walk and be ready to hit the balls in his hitting zone, that's where you see kind of the slug and when he gets on a tear."

Oklahoma State wins 12th NCAA golf title

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Eric Lee beat Josh Duangmanee 2 up to give Oklahoma State its 12th NCAA men's golf title and first in eight years, with the Cowboys beating Virginia 4-1 on Wednesday at La Costa.

Lee, a sophomore who played at California as a freshman, took the lead with a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-4 17th, then chipped to 5 feet on the par-5 18th and finished off Duangmanee with a conceded birdie after the Virginia player missed a 15-foot birdie try.

Lee scored for the winning point a day after making a

6-foot par putt on the 19th hole to lift fourth-seeded Oklahoma State past Mississippi in the semifinals. The Cowboys beat Bedlam rival Oklahoma in the quarterfinals.

"It's such a great feeling," Lee said. "I've gotten so close with these guys."

On a cloudy afternoon with the temperature in the mid-60s, Swedish freshman Filip Fahlberg-Johnsson, Gaven Lane and Ethan Fang also won matches for Oklahoma State.

"Fortunately, we have all these guys back, and we'll

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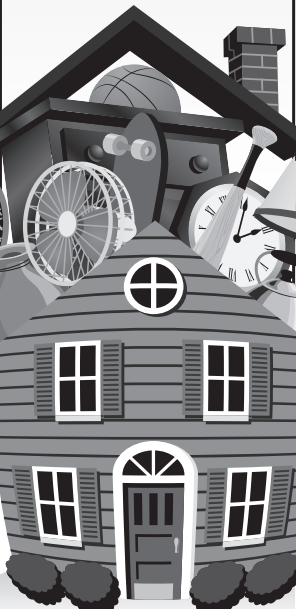
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WNBA says it can't substantiate claims of racist remarks by fans

NEW YORK — The WNBA says it cannot substantiate claims that racist fan behavior took place during a game in Indianapolis between the Chicago Sky and Indiana Fever earlier this month.

The league said its investigation included gathering information from fans, team and arena staff, as well as an "audio and video review of the game."

"We appreciate the quick action by the league and the Indiana Fever to take this matter seriously and to investigate," Chicago Sky CEO and President Adam Fox said in a statement. "This process demonstrates the league's strong stance on stopping hate at all WNBA games and events, and we will continue to support those efforts."

The WNBA, according to a person familiar with the investigation, was looking into claims that racist comments were directed toward Chicago's Angel Reese by fans during the loss to WNBA rookie of the year Caitlin Clark and the Fever. Indiana won the game handily, 93-58.

Reese brushed aside questions about the investigation before Tuesday night's game against the Phoenix Mercury, saying she was "focused on the game today" and more concerned about helping the Sky earn their first win of the season after an 0-3 start.

First-year coach Tyler Marsh echoed

his star forward's feelings.

"We appreciate the investigation being done and we hope that the league continues to make the steps necessary moving forward to ensure a safe environment for everyone, all players included," Marsh said. "But tonight, the focus is on the game."

Reese, who is Black, and Clark, who is white, were meeting for the seventh time in their ongoing — and much-talked-about — rivalry. Clark later said she did not hear any racist remarks during that game, but acknowledged that it was loud in Indiana's arena throughout the game.

"It's super loud in here, and though I didn't hear anything, I think that's why they're doing the investigation," Clark said earlier this month. "That's why they're looking into it. That doesn't mean nothing happened, so I'll just trust the league's investigation, and I'm sure they'll do the right thing."

Both teams had previously issued statements supporting the investigation, as did the WNBA players association. The Sky were playing in Phoenix on Tuesday. The WNBPA did not issue any immediate comment after the league's announcement.

"We appreciate the swift and thorough process undertaken by the WNBA to

investigate these allegations, which were not substantiated," Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO Mel Raines said Tuesday in a statement distributed by the Fever. "At Gainbridge Fieldhouse, we are committed to providing the best possible basketball experience for players and fans where hate speech has absolutely no place. Indiana is home to the world's greatest fans, and we look forward to an exciting season of Fever basketball."

Reese was asked earlier this month if she was able to provide the WNBA with details about the incident. She did not offer specifics on if she had done so, saying "that's not a me question." She also did not reveal what type of comments were made, or any other specifics about what prompted the investigation.

But moments earlier, in that same availability with reporters, Reese said she was receiving widespread support from across the league because of the alleged incident.

"Obviously, there's no place in this league for that," Reese said at that time. "I think the WNBA and our team and our organization has done a great job supporting me. ... Going through this whole process, if it can happen to me, it can happen to anyone."



AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley

Gov. Andy Beshear gives an update on the recovery efforts from damage caused by severe weather on May 17 at the London Corbin Airport in London, Ky. Beshear is reportedly among the Democratic Party's presidential contenders for 2028.

2028 podcast primary underway as Democrats look to reshape image

BY MEG KINNARD
AND ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
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The Democrats' 2028 podcast primary is well underway.

From Govs. Gavin Newsom of California, Andy Beshear of Kentucky and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan to former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, potential presidential contenders are following the lead of President Donald Trump, who frequently went on podcasts appealing to younger men during his 2024 campaign.

Liberal strategists acknowledge Trump showed that Democratic candidates need to master the podcast space, which is typically looser and more freewheeling than a press conference or a traditional media interview.

"The way that politicians communicate and need to be seen by their audience is changing," said Liz Minnella, who fundraised for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and this year launched Connect Forward, a group to support liberal influencers. "I hate to give him credit, but he found a way to connect with people, talk to them like human beings in non-political speak."

Newsom, long derided by conservatives as a San Francisco liberal, has welcomed conservatives onto his podcast and agreed with them on issues such as trans participation in women's sports. Beshear, a lower-profile Democrat in a red state, hosted his teenagers to teach him how to use the youth slang "skibidi."

The likely 2028 contenders have produced many hours of content already. Here's a look at key moments and what we've learned about the field so far.

ANDY BESHEAR'S 'BE YOU, BOO'

Launching "The Andy Beshear Podcast" earlier this year, the Kentucky governor

now has hosted a donor, a former ambassador, businessmen he calls friends and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who ran for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

He even brought on his two children to explain slang words high schoolers are using, asking them to explain to him how to use terms like "skibidi" to say something looks good, or "doing it for the plot" to say you'll be taking a risk on something despite a potentially bad outcome.

From his first episode, the 47-year-old politician outlines some rules and says the first is "be authentic, you be you, boo."

The governor did not respond to a request for comment on his strategy, but has mostly taken a position of dissecting and broadcasting opposition to Trump's policies, such as potential cuts to Medicaid and the use of the Signal messaging app by the president's national security team to discuss sensitive military operations.

In one of Beshear's most recent episodes earlier this month, his producer asks the governor a frequent listener's question: Will you run for president?

"If it were three years ago, this was something that we would have never thought about," Beshear said, sitting beside his wife, Britany. "But I'm committed to not leaving a broken country to my kids or anyone else's. Now, what that looks like going forward, I don't know. My job right now is to try to lift up as many leaders as possible all across the country that are hopefully focused on the right things with the right message to re-earn the faith of the American people."

GRETCHEN WHITMER TALKS ABOUT THE HUG

Whitmer recently appeared on "Pod Save America" for a shorter interview than other contenders have done on podcasts. Whitmer had received some backlash for

sharing a hug with the president last month as he arrived in her home state, less than a month after she shielded her face from

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2505-MI-
462
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
Jacqueline S Waggoner
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Jacqueline S Waggoner,
whose mailing address is 752
W. 3rd Street, Madison IN
47250, in the Jefferson
County, Indiana, hereby gives
notice that Jacqueline S Wag-
goner has filed a petition in
the Jefferson Court request-
ing that name be changed to
Jacqueline S Price.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said
Petition on July 16, 2025 at
9:00 a.m.
Jacqueline S Waggoner
Petitioner
Date 5/12/25
Tabatha Eblen, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

39C01-2505-EU-000034
PITT & FRANK, LIZ LAMB
Name of Attorneys
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LOUISVILLE KY 40207 5147
Address
502 548 5101 502 895 9900
Telephone

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRA-
TION

IN THE JEFFERSON County
Superior/Circuit Court, Pro-
bate Division In the Matter of
the Estate of STEVEN PAUL
JONES, deceased. Estate
Docket -E-
Notice is hereby given that
ROBERT F. WISE was on the
2nd day of May, 2025, appoin-
ted personal representative of
the estate of STEVEN PAUL
JONES, deceased.
All persons having claims
against said estate, whether
or not now due, must file the
claim in said Court within
Three (3) months from the
date of the first publication of
this notice, or within Nine (9)
months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or
the claims will be forever
barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana,
this 2nd day of May, 2025
/s/ Tabatha Elden (SEAL)
Clerk of the Jefferson Superi-
or/Circuit Court, Probate Divi-
sion
For Jefferson County Indiana

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THIS AD.

LEGAL NOTICE

Board of Zoning Appeals
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: Monday,
June 16, 2025, at 5:30 PM
(Originally scheduled for June
6, 2025 at 6:00pm)
MEETING PLACE: Madison
City Hall-Council Chambers
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Renewals
1. BZCU-23-43: Kathryn G.
Ayers – Conditional Use Per-
mit for a guest cottage and/or
miscellaneous home busi-
ness. There is to be no busi-
ness signage and no walk-in
customers.
Location: 1116 W Main St
Zoned: Medium Density Resi-
dential (R-8)
One-Year Renewal
2. BZCU-23-70: James Gur-
ley – Conditional Use Permit
for a tobacco packaging facili-
ty.
Location: 2900 Wilson Ave
Zoned: Light Manufacturing
(M-1) One-Year Renewal
3. BZCU-23-44: Anna Nguyn-
en – Conditional Use Permit
for a tea and/or gift shop.
Location: 1402 Bear St Zoned:
Local Business (LB)
One-Year Renewal
4. BZCU-23-37: Knights of
Columbus – Conditional Use
Permit for a mobile home.
Location: 2250 Lanier Dr
Zoned: Light Manufacturing
(M-1) One-Year Renewal
5. BZCU-23-41: Petsense,
LLC – Conditional Use Permit
for housing of kittens/cats
brought in through partnering
shelters and rescues.
Location: 433 E Clifty Dr
Zoned: General Business
(GB)
One-Year Renewal
6. BZCU-23-38: Darlisa Davis
– Conditional Use Permit to
operate a daycare center.
Location: 206 Green Rd
Zoned: Medium Density Resi-
dential
(R-8) One-Year Renewal
7. BZCU-23-20: Sharon
Daghir – Conditional Use Per-
mit for owner-occupied resi-
dence with short-term rentals
primarily for travel nurses.
Location: 215 E Fourth St
Zoned: Historic District Resid-
ential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
8. Red Ball Recycling – Con-
ditional Use Permit for a met-
al recycling facility.
Location: 2910 Wilson Ave
Zoned: Light Manufacturing
(M-1) Three-Year Renewal
D. Tabled Applications
1. BZVD-24-49: Claude Rot-
tet – Variance from Develop-
ment Standards for setbacks.
Location: 826 Fillmore St
Zoned: Historic District Resid-
ential (HDR)
2. BZVD-25-9: Glen Spencer
– Variance from Development
Standards to rebuild access-
ory structure with a setback of
2-ft from the west property
line.
Location: 313 East St Zoned:
Historic District Residential
(HDR)
E. New Applications
1. BZCU-25-10: Pamela Phil-
lips (Pamela Scroggins) –
Conditional Use Permit for
Category 581 Retail - Hotels,
Tourist Court, Tourist Home,
Residential Hotel, Motels and
Other Transient Housing for a
short term rental.
Location: 123 St Michaels Ave
Zoned: Historic District Resid-
ential (HDR)
2. BZCU-25-11: Jennifer Cis-
sell – Conditional Use Permit
for Category 130 Apartments.
Location: 401 E Third St
Zoned: Historic District Resid-
ential (HDR)
3. BZVD-25-10: Landon Ral-
ston – Variance from Develop-
ment Standards to allow set-
backs of 10-ft from all prop-
erty lines and to allow con-
struction on a 0.75 acre lot.
Location: 1301 E Scenic View
Dr Zoned: Residential Agricul-
ture (RA)
4. BZVD-25-11: Will Es-
theimer – Variance from De-
velopment Standards to allow
setbacks of 2-ft from the north
lot line and 8-ft from the east
lot line.
Location: 2212 Taylor St
Zoned: Medium Density Resi-
dential (R-8)
F. New/Old Business
G. Motion to adjourn
H. Next meeting: Monday, Ju-
ly 14, 2025
For the purpose of hearing
those for or against said ap-
plications, a public hearing will
be held on Monday, June 16,
2025, at 5:30 PM in City Hall,
101 W. Main Street Madison,
IN 47250.
BY ORDER OF THE MADIS-
ON CITY ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
Nicole M Schell, Director of
Planning
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comply with the Americans
with Disabilities Act of 1990. In
order to assist individuals with
disabilities who require spe-
cial services (i.e. sign inter-
pretative services, alternative
audio/visual devices, etc.) for
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2505-MI-
448
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
Luke Hadley
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Luke David Hadley, whose
mailing address is 3587
Woodside Drive, Madison, IN
47250, in the Jefferson
County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Luke David
Hadley has filed a petition in
the Jefferson Circuit Court re-
questing that name be
changed to Luke David
Schwebel. Notice is further
given that the hearing will be
held on said Petition on July
15, 2025 at 11:30am.
Luke Hadley, Petitioner
Date 5/8/2025
Tabatha Eblen, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Plan Commission
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: June 16,
2025 at 6:00 PM (originally
scheduled for June 9, 2025, at
5:30 PM)
MEETING PLACE: Madison
City Hall, 101 W. Main Street
Madison, IN 47250
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of minutes
C. Tabled Applications
1. PCAF-25-3: Rakesh Patel
for MADISON PROPERTY
LLC– Application to Amend Fi-
nal Plat. The applicant is re-
questing to split the property
with the parcel ID: 39-08-22-
223-001.000-007.
Location: 751 JEFFERSON
CT Zoned: General Business
(GB)
2. PCRZ-25-3: Pettit Proper-
ties LLC – Application to
Amend the Official Zoning
Map. The applicant is request-
ing to rezone the properties
with the parcel ID: 39-08-14-
000-015.000-006 and 39-08-
15-000-013.000-006 from
Residential Mobile Home
(RMH) to Residential Low
Density (R-4).
Location: 3515+ N.
MICHIGAN RD Zoned: Resid-
ential Mobile Home (RMH)
D. New Applications
1. PCAF-25-4: Wanda Rottet
– Application to Amend Final
Plat. The applicant is request-
ing to consolidate the prop-
erties with the parcel ID: 39-13-
02-144-016.000-007 and 39-
13-02-144-015.000-007.
Location: 820 and 826 FILL-
MORE ST Zoned: Historic
District Residential (HDR)
E. Old Business
1. PCAF-25-4: Stephen &
Robin Mingione – Application
to Amend Final Plat. The ap-
plicant is requesting to consol-
idate the properties with the
parcel ID: 39-13-01-223-
036.000-007 and 39-13-01-
223-037.000-007.
Location: 1030 PARK AVE
and 1030 ½ PARK AVE
Zoned: Historic District Resid-
ential (HDR)
2. Resolution 2025-PC1: City
of Madison – Application to
Amend the Zoning Ordinance,
Official Zoning Map, and
Schedule of Uses. The applic-
ant is requesting to create a
Riverfront District (RF) within
the zoning ordinance. This re-
quires an amendment to the
Zoning Ordinance, Official
Zoning Map, and Schedule of
Uses.
F. Next Meeting: Monday, Ju-
ly 14, 2025, at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing or-
al comments concerning the
listed applications, a public
hearing will be held on June
16, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City
Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madis-
on, IN 47250. You are hereby
advised that a copy of said
proposal is on file for examina-
tion before the hearing in the
Office of Planning, Preserva-
tion, & Design, 101 W. Main
Street, Madison, IN 47250.
Written objections to the pro-
posal that are filed with the
secretary of the commission
before the hearing will be con-
sidered. The hearing may be
continued from time to time as
may be found necessary.
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Sooners to face hard-throwing Pickens in quest for 5th-straight CWS title

BY CLIFF BRUNT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Sooners may face their toughest road yet as they seek a record fifth straight Women’s College World Series championship.

The second-seeded Sooners will open on Thursday against hard-throwing Karlyn Pickens and No. 7 seed Tennessee.

In the second game of super regional play, Pickens unleashed a pitch that traveled an NCAA record 79.4 miles per hour. Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso, the Team USA coach who has led the Sooners to eight national titles, hasn't seen anything like it.

“It’s pretty amazing, really,” she said, “It’s setting a new standard.”

Gasso wouldn’t give away how her team is preparing for Pickens, but she said the Sooners are looking forward to the matchup. She said Pickens' throwing speed is an example of the sport's evolution.

“It’s great for our game,” she said. “It’s phenomenal. ... So it’s a challenge for the Sooners, without question, but that’s what got us here. We love challenges.”

Oklahoma counters with a formidable offense led by a pair of sophomores, Ella Parker and Kasidi Pickering, who are hitting above .400. Oklahoma is second nationally with 115 home runs and fifth with 7.75 runs per game.

“We know we have an incredible opponent on Thursday, and we just want to put our best foot forward out here,” Tennessee coach Karen Weekly said.

Adding to the difficulty of Oklahoma's mission, all four teams on its side of the bracket are from the SEC — Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Florida.

Third-seeded Florida and No. 6 seed Texas will open the action on Thursday. Texas was national runner-up last season and Florida reached the semifinals.

In other opening-day matchups, No. 12 seed Texas Tech will face unseeded Mississippi and No. 9 seed UCLA meets No. 16 seed Oregon in the nightcap. The first part of the event is double-elimination. The final two teams will play for the title in a best-of-three series starting June 4.

SURPRISED GASSO

Gasso wasn't sure her team would have a chance to win the league heading into the season.

“If you asked me back in October, I would say, man, I hope we finish middle of the pack in the SEC,” she said. “I didn’t know, nor did any of us.”

Florida coach Tim Walton recalls talking to Gasso after Oklahoma clinched the conference regular-season title.

“I congratulated her at home plate,” he said. “And she gave me a look, and she said, “Did we? Because it certainly didn’t feel like it.” I think that’s a pretty good quote. It’s her quote to me, but I think that sums up just how tough this league was this year.”

OREGON SISTERS

Sisters Kedre and Kai Luschar have been dominant in helping Oregon reach the World Series.

Kedre, a senior who is the younger of the two, leads the team with a .444

batting average, 61 RBIs and 17 doubles. She has scored 59 runs and has 29 stolen bases.

Kai Luschar, a fifth-year senior, is second on the team with a .421 average. She leads the nation with 59 stolen bases and has scored 63 runs.

PLUCKY UNDERDOG

Ole Miss is the only unseeded team remaining. The Rebels beat Arizona twice to win the Tucson Regional and beat Arkansas in super regionals.

The Rebels aren't just here to show up.

“So proud of the journey and the season that we’ve had,” Ole Miss coach Jamie Trachsel said. “We have one more chapter in our story, and we’re looking forward to having a lot to say about it here in Oklahoma City.”

FAMILIAR FOE

UCLA and Oregon will meet in a matchup of former Pac-12 teams that moved to the Big Ten this year.

UCLA looks to add to its record 12 World Series titles with a pair of sluggers leading the way. Megan Grant has 25 home runs and 79 RBIs and Jordan Woolery has 23 homers and 86 RBIs, and they give the Bruins a legitimate chance to add to that total.

Oregon was the Big Ten regular-season champion. The Ducks beat UCLA in two out of three meetings during a series in April.

Bruins coach Kelly Inouye-Perez said her team has improved since then.

“What I learned most was our best is yet to come,” she said. “We didn’t play our best ball.”

2028

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cameras during an Oval Office appearance alongside Trump.

Whitmer and Trump announced a new fighter jet mission at a National Guard base outside Detroit that is seen as a major economic driver for the area.

"This is a BFD," she said on the podcast, referencing if not outright saying a profane phrase that starts with "big" and ends with "deal."

"It doesn't mean I've abandoned any of my values. It doesn't mean that I'm not going to stand my ground and fight where we have to, but this is one of those moments where as a public servant you're reminded your job is to put service above self and that's what it was all about."

GAVIN NEWSOM GIVES MIC TO MAGA FIGURES

In February, California's governor launched "This is Gavin Newsom" as what he called a mechanism for talking "directly with people I disagree with, people I look up to, and you — the listeners."

Thus far, he's had a wide array of guests, including former Trump strategist Steve Bannon and conservative influencer Charlie Kirk, as well as Klobuchar and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, Harris' 2024 running mate.

The conversations have mostly been chummy. Newsom — who has in recent weeks broken with California's legislature and faced liberal criticism for his positioning on trans issues, immigration and homelessness — has fielded backlash for giving a platform to some of his party's biggest critics.

Newsom has also drawn

criticism for opposing the participation of trans athletes in women's sports.

"I think it's an issue of fairness, I completely agree with you on that," Newsom told Kirk in his debut episode. "It is an issue of fairness — it's deeply unfair."

The diverse guest list could be part of Newsom's attempt to self-brand as a centrist ahead of a possible 2028 run, hearing out conservative critics while trying to assume his party's mantle.

In March, the governor told HBO's Bill Maher that Democrats had developed a "toxic" brand and criticized some in the party who are unwilling to "have a conversation" with their opponents.

Buttigieg says Democrats need to reach 'people who don't think like us'

Buttigieg's appearance on Andrew Schulz's "Flagrant" podcast came months after the comedian sat down with Trump.

During his three-hour sit-down with Schulz, Buttigieg sported a beard as he talked candidly about his personal life, describing his experiences serving in the military before he came out publicly as gay and raising his biracial children, even laughing along as Schulz and other hosts cracked jokes related to homosexuality or asked pointed questions about his personal life.

But mostly, Buttigieg — who spoke in Iowa earlier this month — discussed his time in politics and accused Trump of failing to deliver on economic promises from the 2024 campaign.

"We have to be encountering people who don't think like us and don't view the world the way we do, both in order to actually, legitimately, become smarter and better and make better choices and have better positions, and just in order to persuade," Buttigieg said.

GOLF

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go to work on the next one starting tomorrow,” coach Alan Bratton said after his second title in 12 seasons.

Fahlberg-Johnsson won the opening match, beating Maxi Puregger 3 and 1. Lane, in the fourth match, gave

the Cowboys their second point with a 4-and-3 victory over Paul Chang. With the championship decided with Lee's victory, Fang's match against Bryan Lee ended after 15 holes with Fang 1 up.

Ben James, the No. 4 player in the amateur world ranking, won the lone match for Virginia, topping Preston Stout 3 and 2. The Cavaliers were trying to win their first

team title.

“We are ACC champions and national runner-up, so that’s a heck of a year but a little bit short of our goal,” Virginia coach Bowen Sargent said. "Most of our guys will be back and I’m looking forward to next year.”

Oklahoma State won its final five tournaments and finished the season with seven team titles.

“They are just tough and have confidence,” Bratton said. “They’ve been resilient all year. We played a poor first round at the (NCAA) regional, and they didn’t bat an eye. We didn’t get off to the best start here in the first round of stroke play, but they just kept inching up the board and ultimately won the three matches like you need to.”

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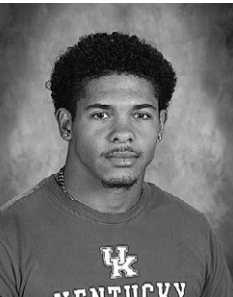
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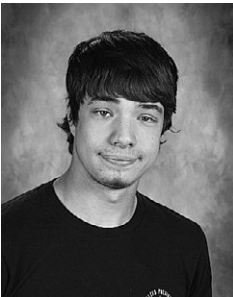
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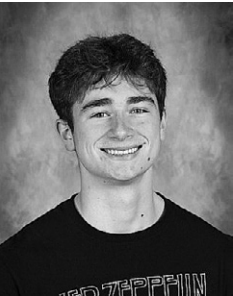
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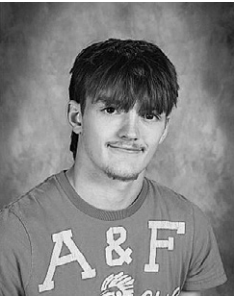
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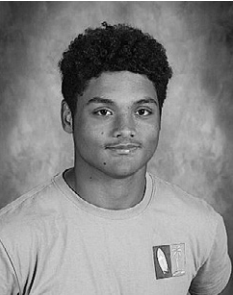
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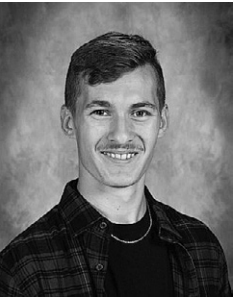
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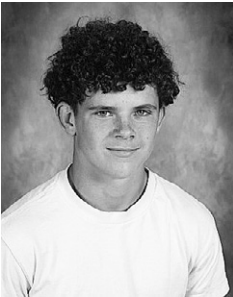
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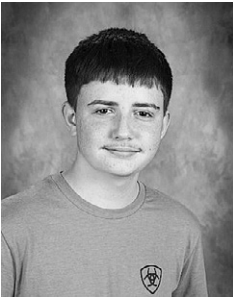
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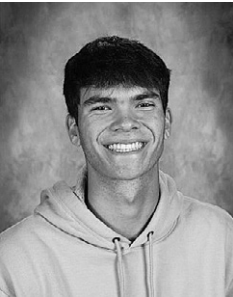
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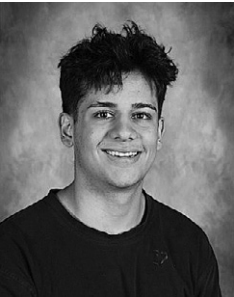
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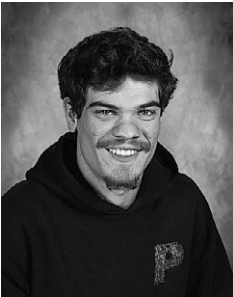
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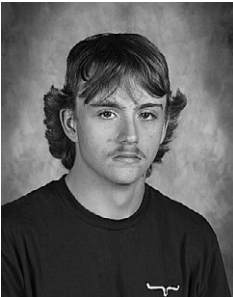
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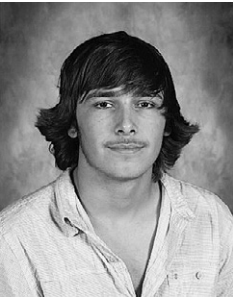
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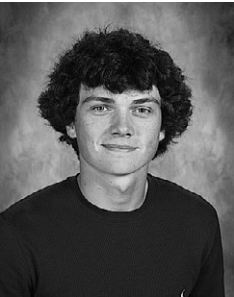
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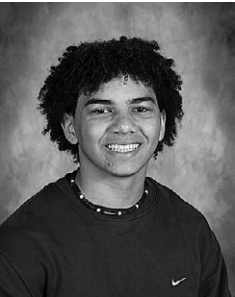
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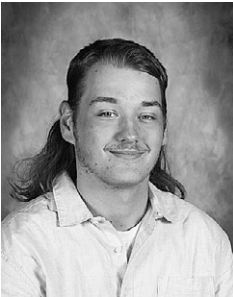
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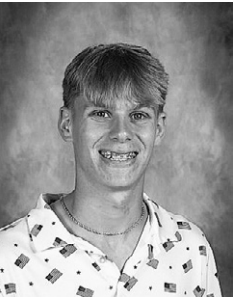
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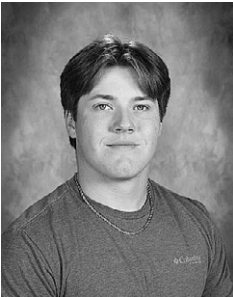
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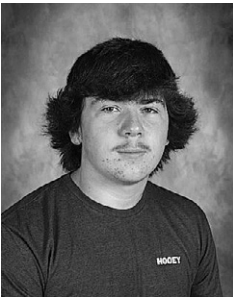
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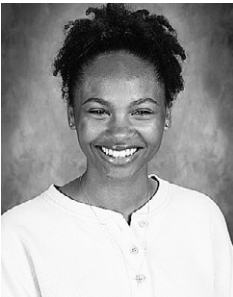
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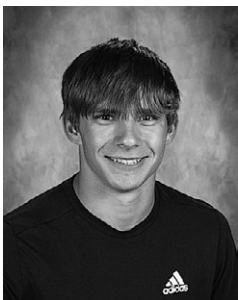


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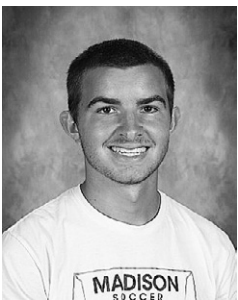
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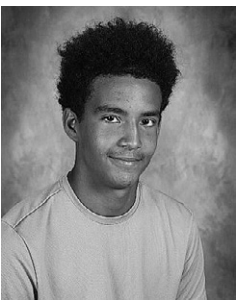
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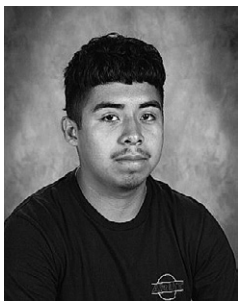
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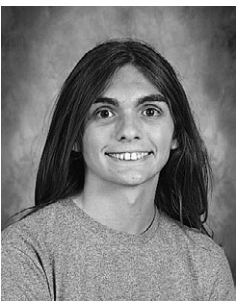
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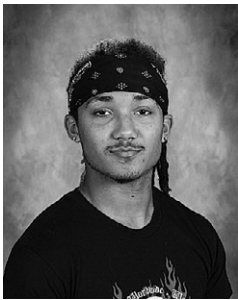
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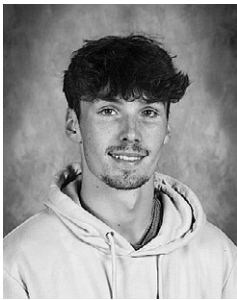
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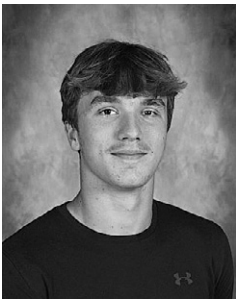
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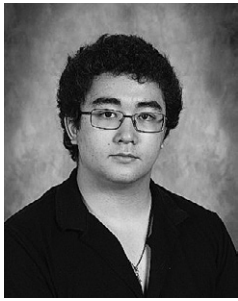
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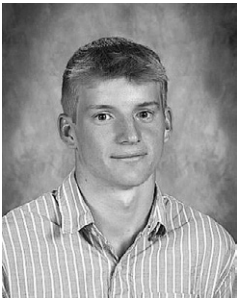
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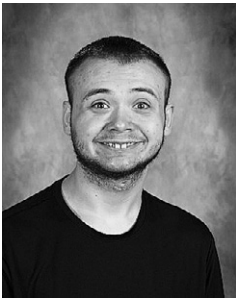
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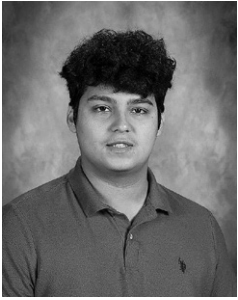
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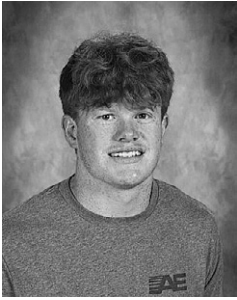
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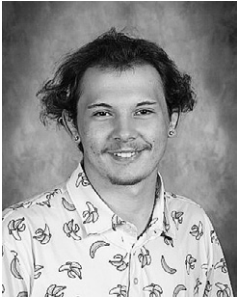
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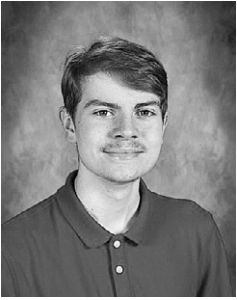
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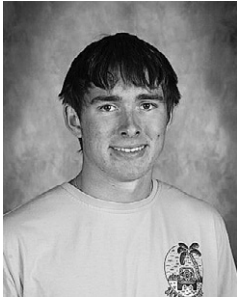
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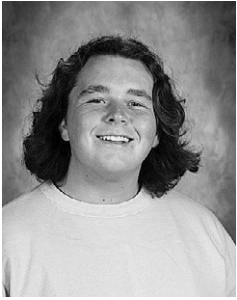
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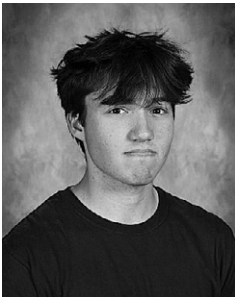
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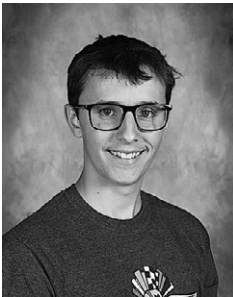
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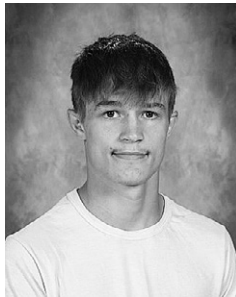
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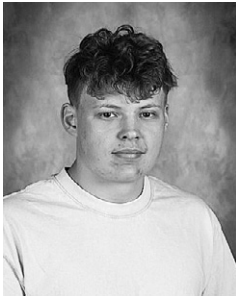
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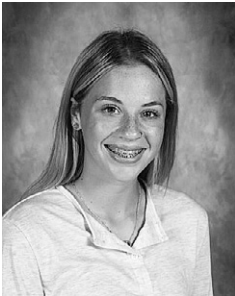
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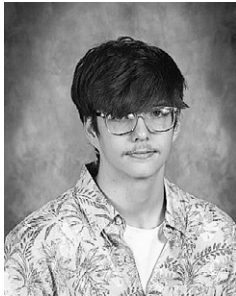
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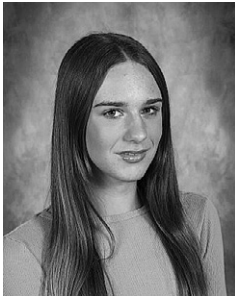
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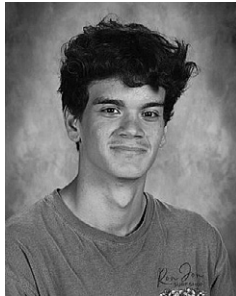
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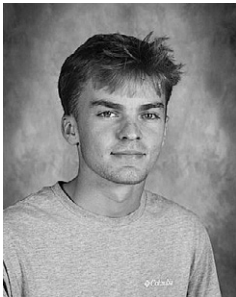
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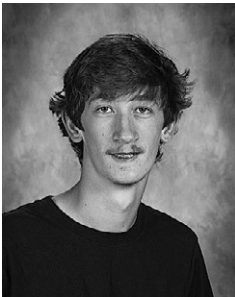
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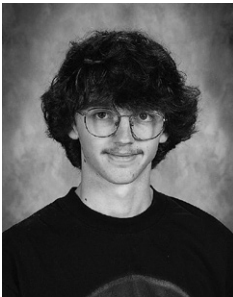
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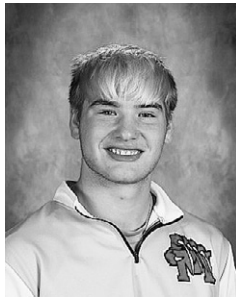
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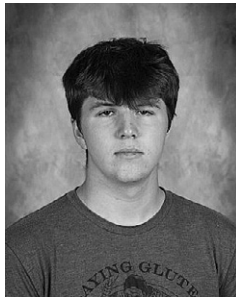
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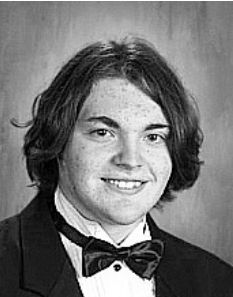
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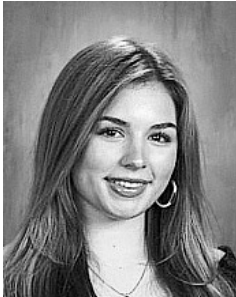
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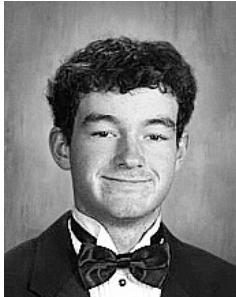
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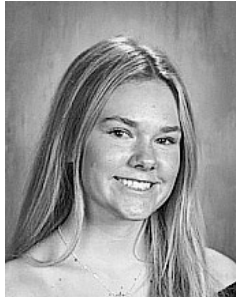
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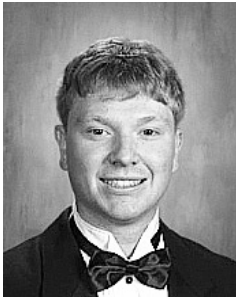
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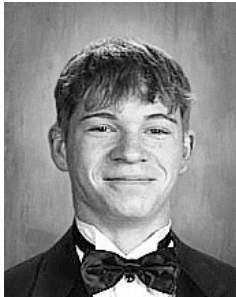
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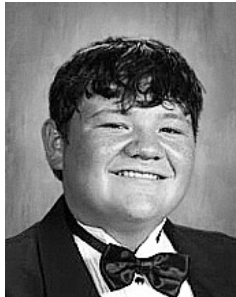
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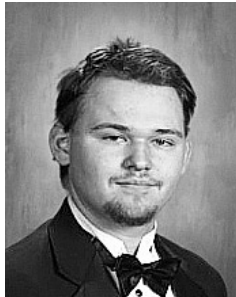
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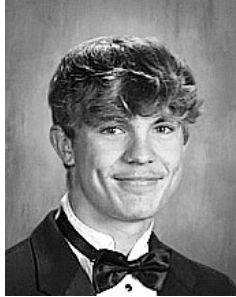
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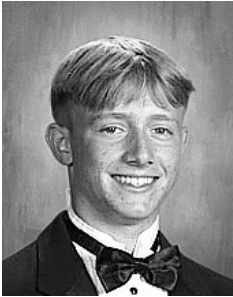
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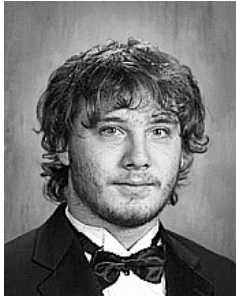
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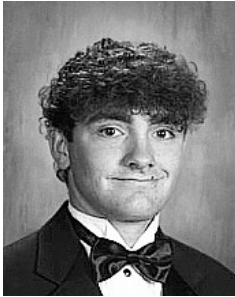
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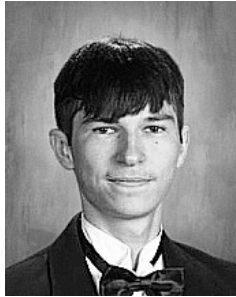
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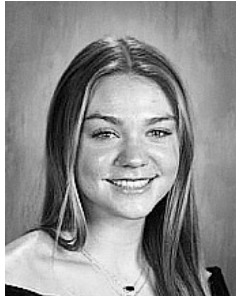
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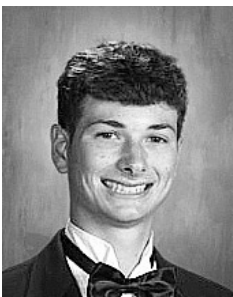
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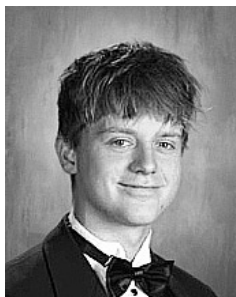
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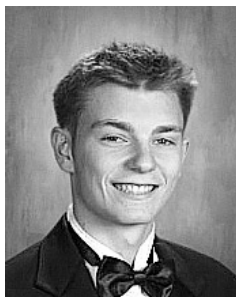
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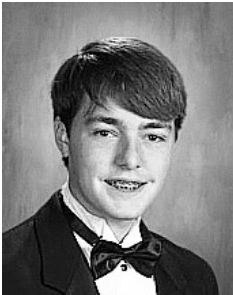


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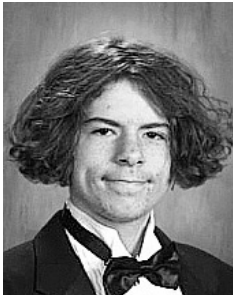


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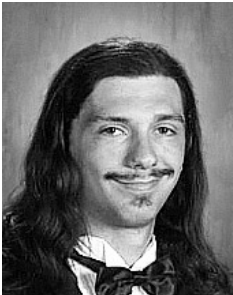
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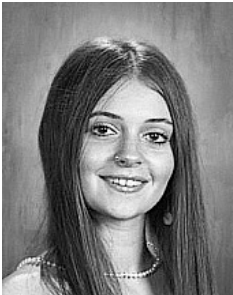
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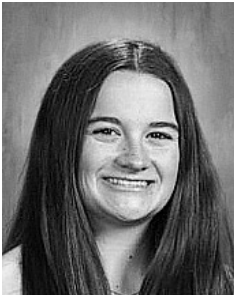
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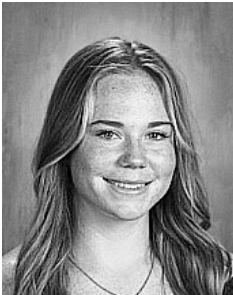
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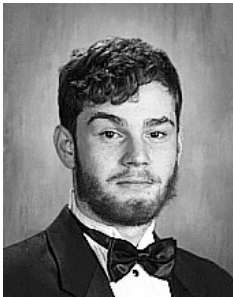
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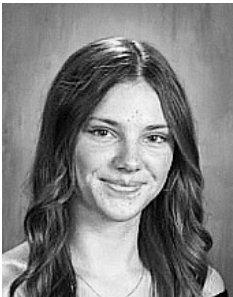
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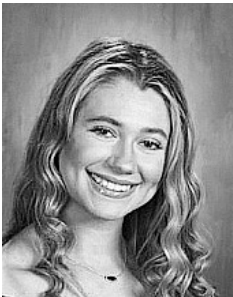
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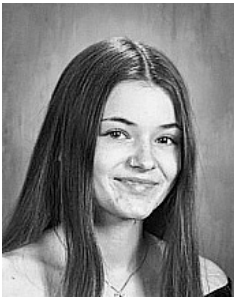
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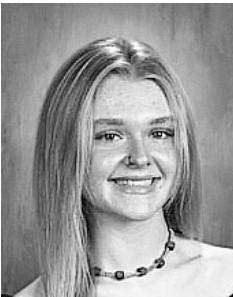
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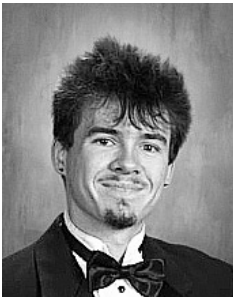
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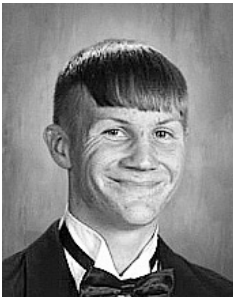
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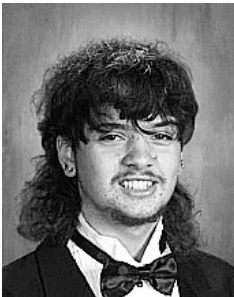
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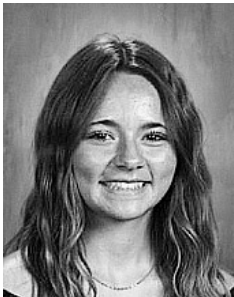
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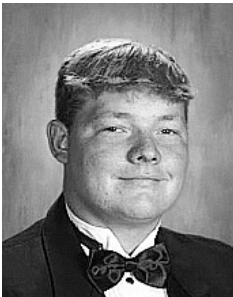
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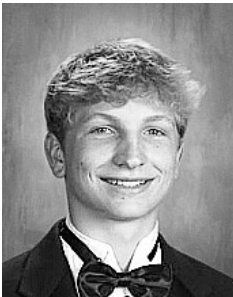
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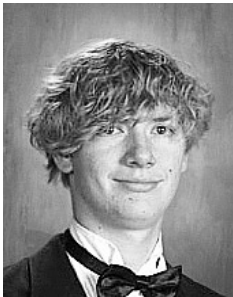
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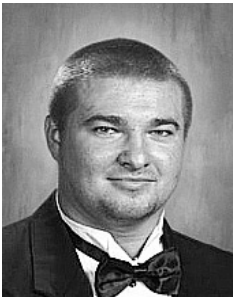
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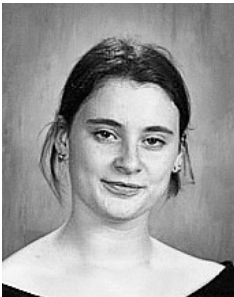
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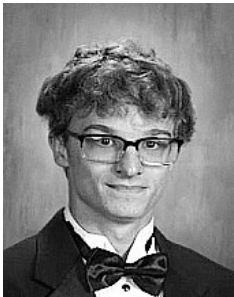
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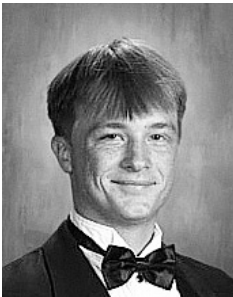
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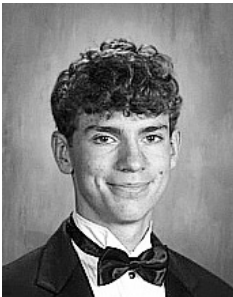
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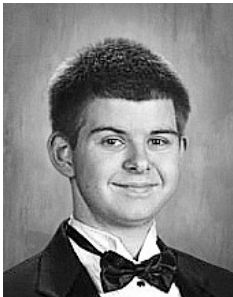
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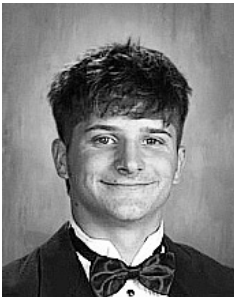
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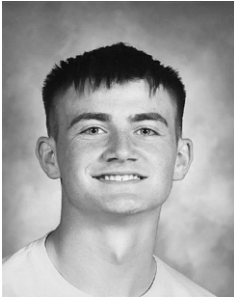
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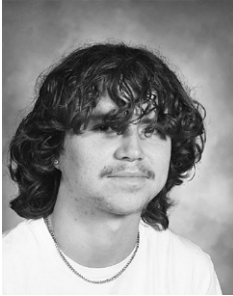
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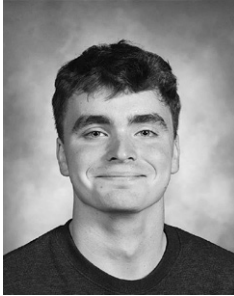
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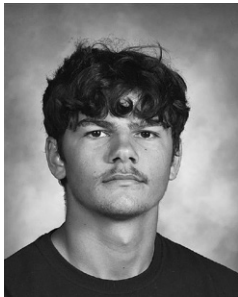
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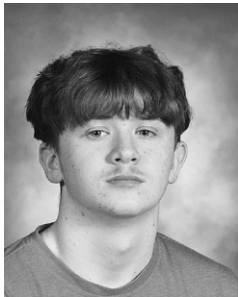
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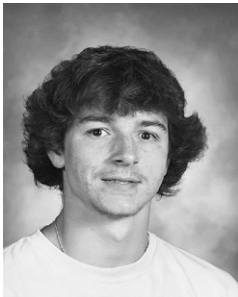
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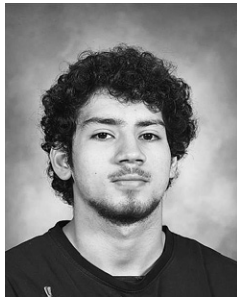
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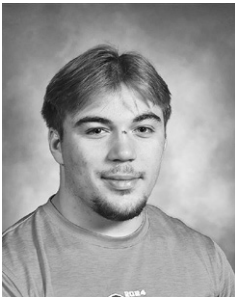
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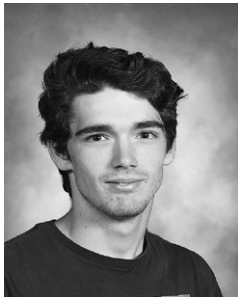
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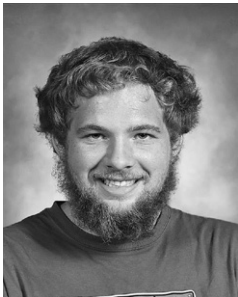
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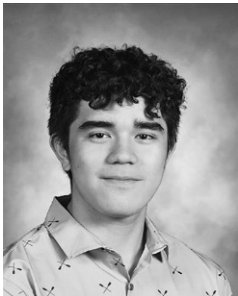
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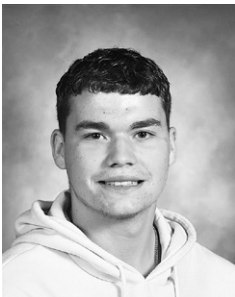
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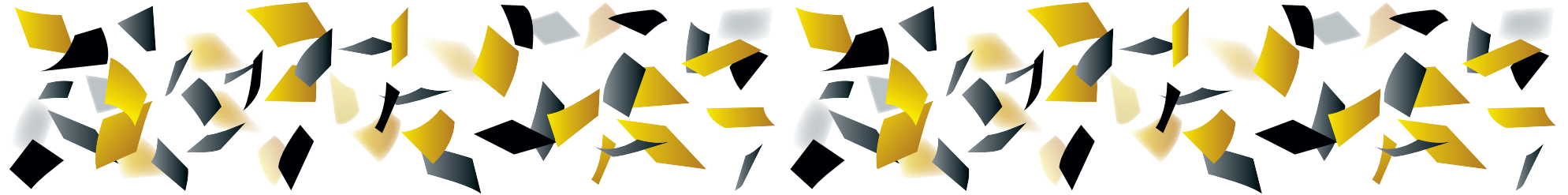
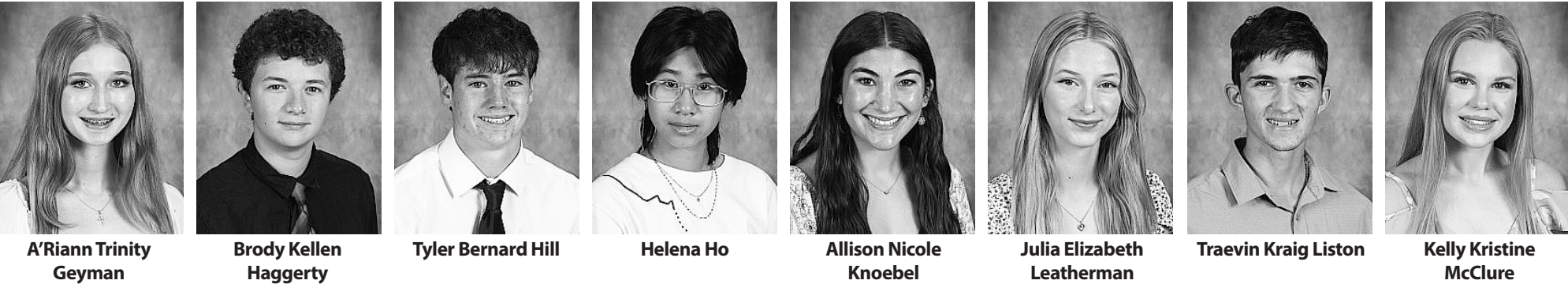
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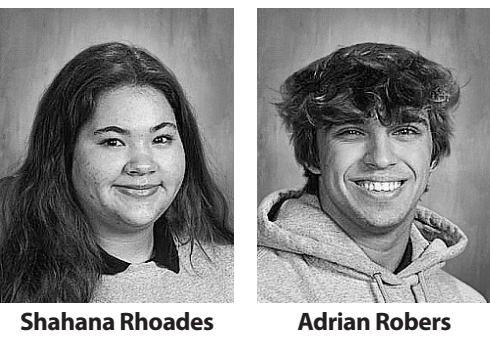
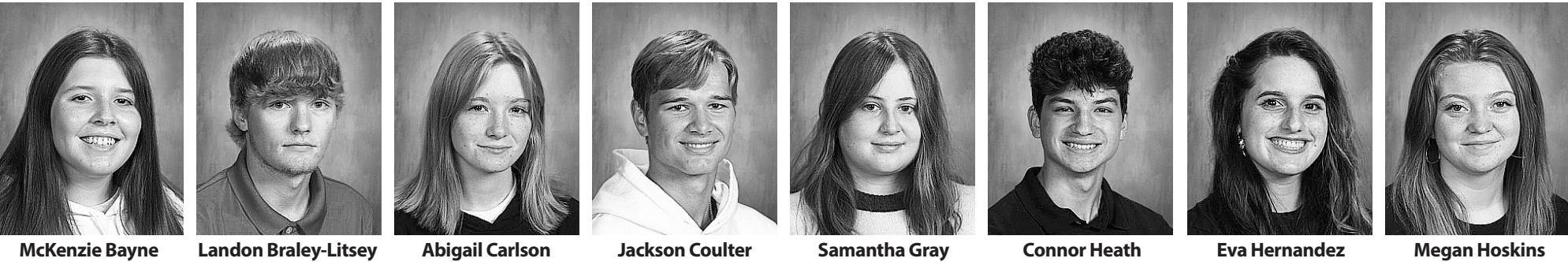
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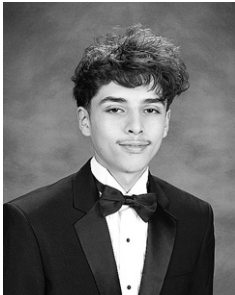
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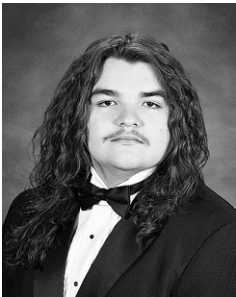
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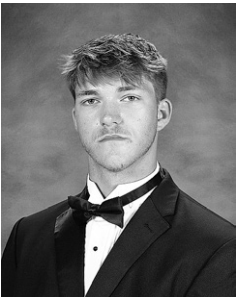
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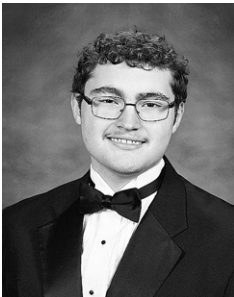
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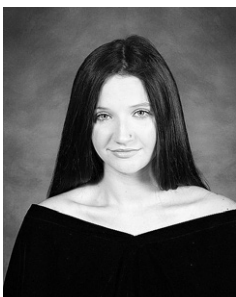
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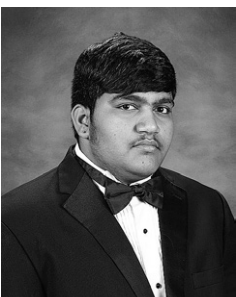
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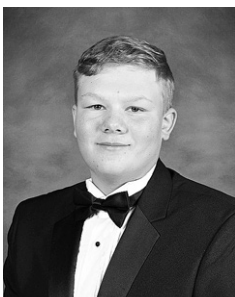
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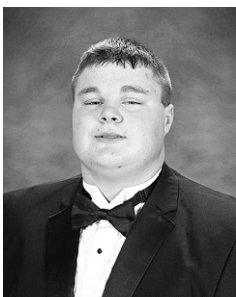
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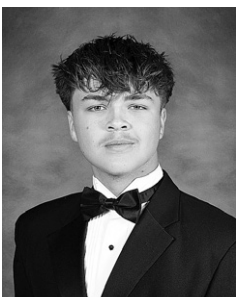
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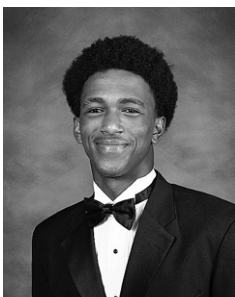
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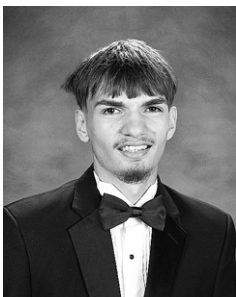
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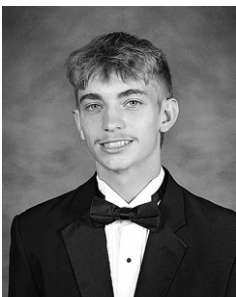
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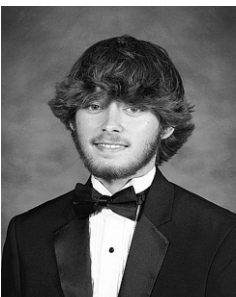
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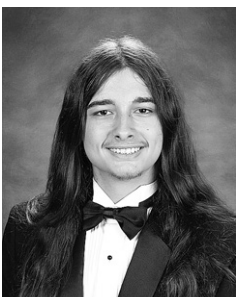
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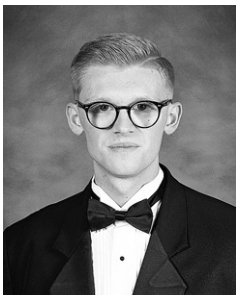
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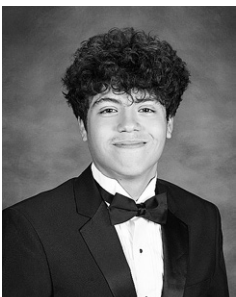
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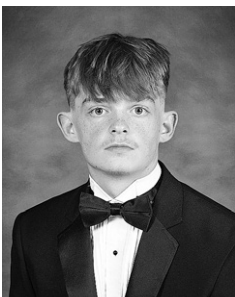
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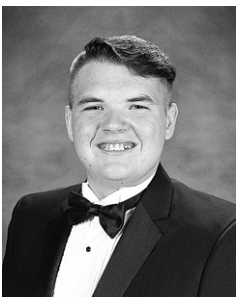
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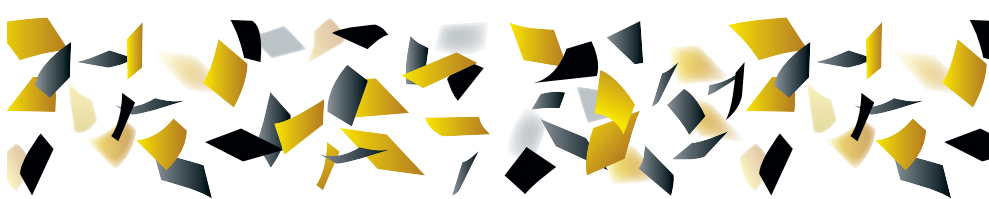
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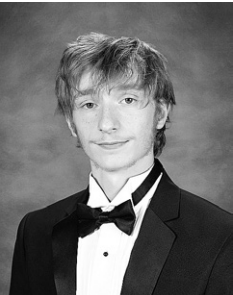


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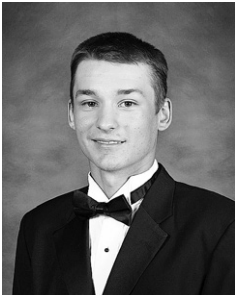
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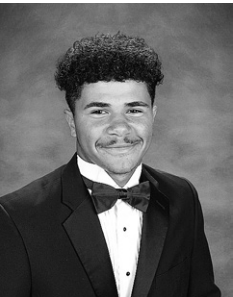
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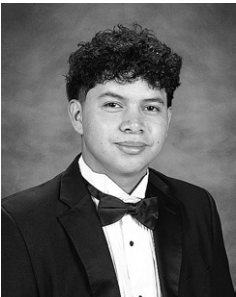
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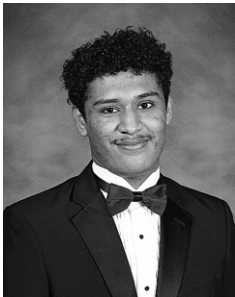
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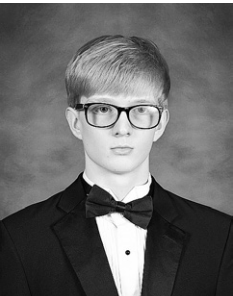
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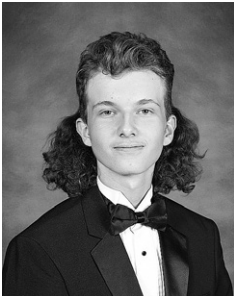
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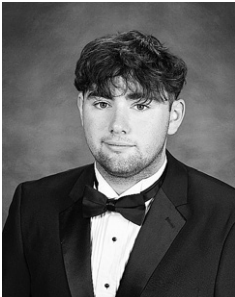
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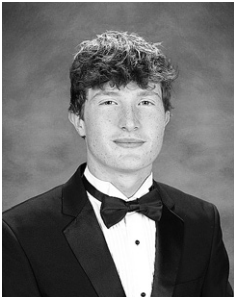
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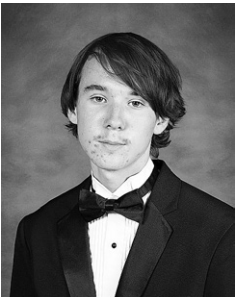
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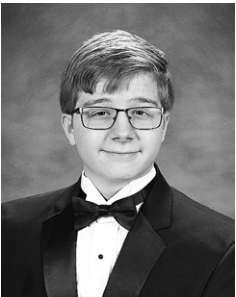
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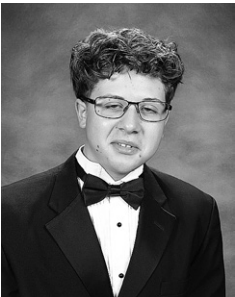
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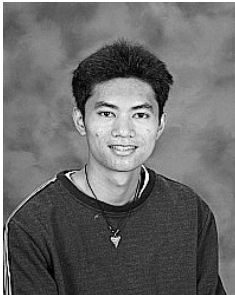
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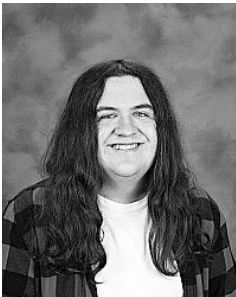
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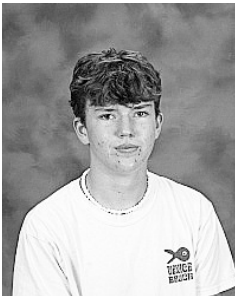
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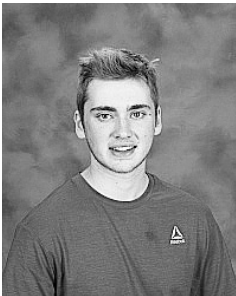
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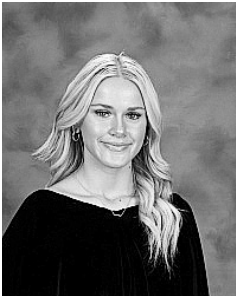
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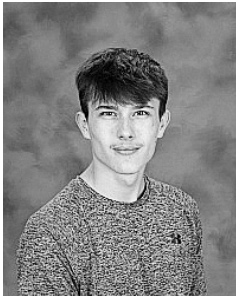
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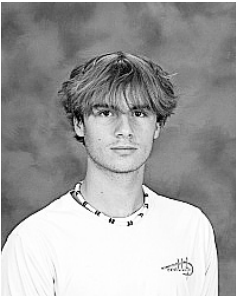
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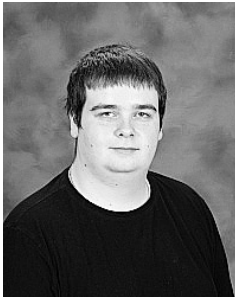
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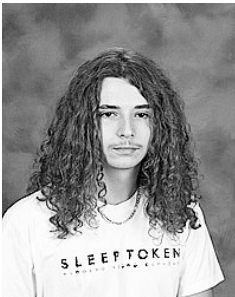
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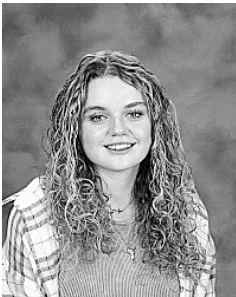
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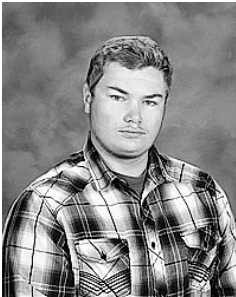
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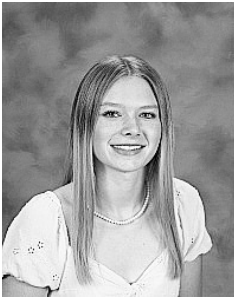
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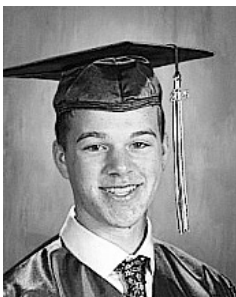
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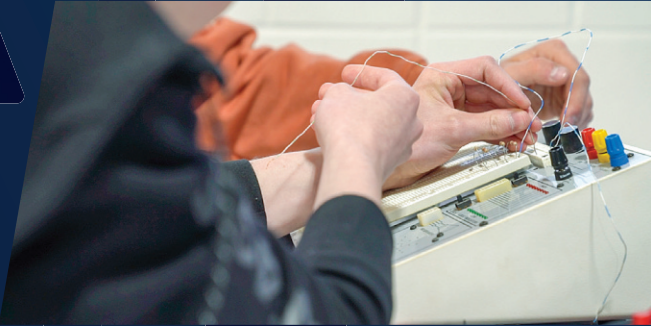
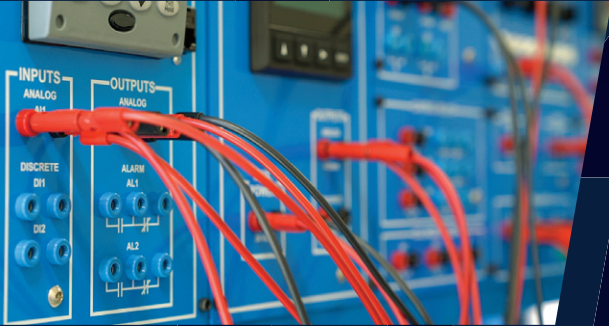


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